

# Annual Report



Town of Hingham  
2007





**Police Chief Steven D. Carlson**

**1948 - 2007**

**Chief, co-worker, friend. Godspeed**

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Report Compiled and Edited by Betty Tower



Doreen Newcomb and Sue Nickerson

Doreen Newcomb is the personification of *Customer Service*. A School Department employee, she is the first and only manager of the Town Hall lunchroom. Doreen's love of cooking and seasonal decorations has made the lunchroom into more than a place to just sit and eat. Her menus combine a variety of old favorites, healthy eating and her own innovations. Whether one is a regular customer or an occasional buyer, Doreen welcomes you and serves you with warmth and cheer, outstanding service and sometimes even a joke.

Staff Accountant Sue Nickerson was nominated for the *Productivity/Efficiency Award* by no less than five people from various Town departments as well as by her own Accounting Department. In every nomination, Sue was cited for her complete knowledge of the job and her ability to translate financial statements and accounting terms into plain English. Sue has stepped in for the Payroll and Accounts Payable Clerks when needed and supervises the training of new employees. Whether she is dealing with budgets or the auditors, Sue's calm manner and quick response to requests never fails. She is a credit to the Accounting Department and the Town.



Town Hall, August 27, 2007

- Town Information -  
Web Site: [www.hingham-ma.gov](http://www.hingham-ma.gov)

Incorporated	1635
Population	21,275
Registered Voters	15,466
Area	22.59 Square Miles
Shore Line	21 Miles
Number of Houses, including Condos	7012
Assessed Value	
Real Property	\$5,656,112,300
Personal Property	\$69,240,920
Tax Rate	\$9.20
Schools	5
Public School Children, PreK-12 (3/07)	3,907
Professional Staff	348
Support Staff	222
Total FY2006 Budget	\$71,786,468
School FY2006 Budget	\$34,033,844

<b>U. S. Congressman</b>	<b>State Senator</b>	<b>State Representative</b>
Tenth District	Norfolk-Plymouth	Third Plymouth Dist.
William Delahunt	Robert L. Hedlund	Garrett Bradley
1517 Longworth House	State House	State House
Wash. DC 20515	Room 313C	Room 443
202-225-3111	Boston, MA 02133	Boston, MA 02133
	617-722-1646	617-722-2460



John A. Riley, Melissa A. Tully, Laura M. Burns     *Photo by Bob Fournier*

- Board of Selectmen -

The Town of Hingham continues to manage successfully the challenges of a growing and vibrant community. This requires us to continually evaluate past practices and seek new solutions to provide the most effective governance. We achieve this through community participation in municipal government and its decision processes. Hingham has a long history of holding that stewardship sacred for the benefit of the next generation. Below is a recap of the management of some of those changes and recognition of some of the participants in the process.

**Financial Overview**

The town is in sound financial condition. We continue to maintain the highest possible financial ratings from the major municipal rating services. Although the town's tax base continues to grow from new developments; we, like every other community, are challenged by the rising cost of utilities and healthcare, which outpace increases in tax revenue. During the last ten years we have experienced an increasing school population. Projections indicate that enrollment will continue to rise for at least five more years. We are working with the Massachusetts

School Building Authority to seek solutions that will allow for State funding assistance for a new school.

### **Development and Growth**

2007 saw the completion of the construction of the Greenbush railroad. Service commenced on October 31, 2007. The post-Greenbush reconstruction of our downtown area has made significant progress; we have new street layout, as well as new sidewalks and street lamps. The tunnel cap design has been approved and should be completed in the spring of '08. State monies in the form of a PWED grant have helped to complete the reconstruction of the Station Street parking lot. Those funds will also allow us to finish the reconstruction of the North Street roadway and sidewalk from the intersection with South Street to Route 3A.

The long awaited redevelopment of the Shipyard began in Summer of '07. As there are three separate developers for this parcel, completion of the project will range from Spring of 2008 for the rental properties to Spring of 2009 for the retail development. Planned new developments on Beal Street along with the Shipyard and Greenbush rail operations prompted the town to engage a traffic engineer for an impact analysis. The intersection of North/Beal/West was reconfigured. The layout of Beal Street from Fottler Road to Route 3A will be improved with a median strip and bike path, and the traveling lanes will be narrowed as a traffic-calming measure.

The Town continues to use all its best resources to manage new growth. While the desirability of living or working in Hingham contributes to its economic vitality, it also creates challenges for quality of life and to town services. We continue to work closely with developers to manage this growth. To that end, the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board now hold joint sessions for review of larger projects, allowing all parties to be at the same meeting to review plans and offer solutions.

### **Public Safety**

The town saw significant changes in its public safety operations in 2007. The Police Department experienced the sudden and tragic loss of Chief Steve Carlson in July. Steve, a native of Hingham, successfully worked his way up the ranks of the department over a 32-year career of service to the town. Chief Taylor Mills was appointed on September 11, 2007. It is a credit to Steve's leadership and to the department as a whole that the town experienced a seamless transition.

The construction and renovation of the Central Fire Station was completed ahead of schedule and under budget. It now can accommodate our current and future fire apparatus, has state of the art facilities for disposal of hazardous waste, and provides much needed training facilities.

The new Department of Public Works facility to be located in the former depot area off Fort Hill Street was fully permitted and construction began in September 2007 with an expected completion date of September 2008. This new facility will consolidate DPW operations to one location, providing better storage for equipment and materials and functional office space.

### **Staff Recognition**

The town continues to be blessed with many dedicated employees. The Donna Mayberry Greenberg Awards are given annually to two exceptional performers for the town. This year's Productivity and Efficiency Award for her outstanding service as a staff accountant was awarded to Sue Nickerson. Doreen Newcomb, the cafeteria manager at Town Hall, received the Customer Service Award.

The Board of Selectmen would like to recognize our remarkably talented and hardworking staff, including Charles Cristello, Betty Foley, Marilyn Harrington, and Betty Tower. Their collective conscientious and dedicated service to the town provides the foundation for the delivery of quality town services and strong financial management.

In no small measure the continued success of our community is due to the many hundreds of volunteers who serve on various boards and committees. It is only through their efforts and dedication that the town addresses its challenges and is able to provide thoughtful decisions that serve the greater good of our community today and into the future. We thank you all for your commitment to civic duty.

Melissa A. Tully  
John A. Riley  
Laura M. Burns

- Town Administrator -

I am pleased to submit my fifteenth report to the citizens of the Town of Hingham.

There was a flurry of construction activity all along the Greenbush line in advance of the running of the inaugural train on October 30. Grade crossings and signal systems were completed and tested. The intersection of North, West and Beal was finally redesigned and a new traffic pattern implemented. Several major items remained undone at year's end including a new traffic signal at the intersection of Summer Street and Route 3A and a new tide gate for the Town Brook below the Station Street parking lot.

The reconstruction project in Hingham Square received a big boost in July with the award of a \$1.1 million Public Works Economic Development (PWED) grant from the Patrick Administration. For this we are indebted to State Representative Garrett Bradley who was able to convince the Governor of the merits of our application. The funding helped us install new and wider sidewalks with brick accents along with new lighting and street trees on South Street and in the Station Street parking lot. We also began work on the tunnel cap between North and South Streets. I want to once again thank Project Inspector Roger Fernandes for all the work he has done to look out for both the town's and the merchant's interests throughout this very difficult construction project.

The Route 228 Phase 2 project, from Merrymount Road to Queen Anne's Corner, took another step closer to becoming an actual construction project. The Massachusetts Highway Department advertised the \$4.9 million project in the fall. Bids are expected to be opened early in 2008 with construction to begin by summer. The project will include bicycle lanes, some minor intersection improvements, new signals at the South Fire Station and new ADA compliant sidewalks.

The 2005 Town Meeting approved a land exchange with Hastings LLC that would reconstruct and expand the town-owned playing fields on Beal Street, improve the parking and access to Bare Cove Park, and provide a buffer between Bare Cove Park and the housing development planned for the former Project Turnabout parcel. The financial benefit to the town of just the playing fields and parking improvements is estimated to be in excess of \$2 million. In addition the Hingham Sports Partnership raised over \$198,000 to fund an expanded field house designed by local architect Al Kearney and built by local builder Steve Jacobs. Construction of the playing fields and field house were completed but for punch list items by the end of the year. A grand reopening of the facility is scheduled for May 2008.

The clean-up of asbestos debris on the south side of Bare Cove Park continued in 2008. Under the direction of GreenSeal Environmental and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Town completed an initial round of asbestos abatement in May. At year's end the DEP approved a closure plan to bury any remaining asbestos along with the foundations, which was the original objective of the Bare Cove Park Committee.

Hingham was recognized in March by the Massachusetts Campaign for Open Government for the information provided on the town's website. We are one of only 24 towns, about 7 percent of Massachusetts cities and towns, that posted key records online such as agendas, minutes, budget information, by-laws and the town meeting warrant and minutes. Information System Manager Steven Becker and System Analyst Kate Richardsson were both recognized for their outstanding work at a ceremony at the State House.

Police Chief Steven Carlson passed away in July, valiantly battling but then succumbing to complications from pneumonia. When I first came to Hingham Steve was still a patrolman. He rapidly rose through the ranks to become Chief in 2000, succeeding his good friend and mentor Joachim-Ingo Borowski. Not only was he a very capable administrator, he was a fine person, a true gentleman, and a great friend. One of Steve's many accomplishments was to prepare his command staff to succeed him upon his departure. While that day came much too soon, he would have been pleased that the Board of Selectmen in September appointed Deputy Chief Taylor A. B. Mills to be the eighth Police Chief of the Hingham Police Department.

Jane Santasuosso resigned her position as Zoning Administrator in August. Suzanne Letizia-Eddy, who has worked in the zoning office as a secretary since 1994, was appointed to replace her in September.

I want to thank the Board of Selectmen for its support, the department heads and administrators, as well as the town employees and volunteers, particularly the staff in the Selectmen's office, for their helpfulness and cooperation during the past year. I look forward to another productive year serving the Hingham community in 2008.

Charles J. Cristello  
Town Administrator

2007  
- Elected Town Officers -

	<b><u>Term Expires</u></b>
<b>MODERATOR (1 Year Term)</b>	
Thomas L. P. O'Donnell	2008
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 Year Term)</b>	
Laura Burns	2010
John A. Riley	2009
Melissa A. Tully	2008
<b>TOWN CLERK (3 Year Term)</b>	
Eileen A. McCracken	2009
<b>TREASURER/COLLECTOR (3 Year Term)</b>	
Jean Montgomery	2010
<b>BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 Year Term)</b>	
Mark F. Tyburski	2010
Robert H. Kurtz	2009
Stuart Gregory Hall, Chairman	2008
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH (3 Year Term)</b>	
Kirk J. Shilts	2010
Peter B. Bickford	2009
Stephan J. White, Chairman	2008
<b>MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD (3 Year Term)</b>	
Walter A. Foskett	2010
John A. Stoddard, Jr.	2009
Kevin J. Bulman	2008
<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 Year Term)</b>	
Heather A. Hedlund	2012
John Cafferty	2011
Mary Lou Tutkus	2010
Robert D. Keyes	2009
James R. Watson	2008

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 Year Term)**

Caryl Falvey	2010
Chrisanne D. Gregoire	2010
Stephen Nagle	2010
Linda Krause Hill	2009
Barbara J. Cooke	2009
Esther Healey	2008
Christine Smith	2008

**PLANNING BOARD (5 Year Term)**

Judith S. Sneath	2012
Gary S. Tondorf-Dick	2011
Susan Murphy	2010
Paul K. Healey, Chairperson	2009
Sarah H. Corey	2008

**SEWER COMMISSION (3 Year Term)**

Edmund Demko	2010
Michael A. Salerno	2009
John M. Brandt	2008

**RECREATION COMMISSION (5 Year Term)**

Budd K. Thorne, Jr.	2012
Francis G. Jones	2011
Thomas J. Campbell	2010
Robert D, Keyes	2009
Scott H. Bosworth (Appointed to Fill Term)	2008

**COMMITTEE TO HAVE CHARGE OF THE INCOME OF THE HANNAH LINCOLN WHITING FUND (3 Year Term)**

Becky Weston	2010
Louis Belknap	2009
Tereza Prime	2008

**TRUSTEES OF THE BATHING BEACH (Elected at ATM, CH75, Acts of 1934)**

Thomas Foley  
F. Peter Fee  
Joan P. Williams

**PLYMOUTH COUNTY CO-OPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE 9<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT**

Marjorie A. Mahoney

2007  
- Appointees -

**Term Expires**

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT/FINANCE DIRECTOR**

**(Appt. By Selectmen MGL C41 S55)**

Theodore Alexiades

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. by Moderator ART 13, 1924)**

Jonathan R. Asher	2010
Richard J. Innis	2010
Karen A. Johnson	2010
Irma Lauter	2010
Jerry K. Seelen	2010
Michael S. Barclay	2009
Joseph L. Bierwirth, Jr.	2009
Amy W. Farrell	2009
Dennis C. Friedman	2009
Linda B. Port	2009
Deborah L. Allinson	2008
David H. Ellison	2008
Anthony P. Kiernan	2008
John F. Manning	2008
Mary Jane O'Meara	2008

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 21 ATM 2007)**

Robert Bone	2009
Gretchen Condon	2009
Frederick Copeman, III	2009
James O'Brien	2009
Laura Burns	2008
William B. Fideli	2008
Rev. Gary Ludwig	2008
Lee Vigil	2008

**ANIMAL SHELTER SITE STUDY COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. by Selectmen, ART 72 ATM 1986)**

MaryLou Hanlon  
Margot Quadros  
Justine Thurston  
Barbara Partridge

**APPEALS, ZONING BOARD OF  
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Joseph M. Fisher	2010
William Tod McGrath	2009
Stephen McLaughlin	2008

**Associate Members (one year term)**

Robert R. Bersani  
Steven David  
Joseph Freeman  
William M. Koplovsky  
Victor Popp  
L. Bruce Rabuffo  
William Ramsey  
Mario Romania, Jr.  
Jamey Tesler

**APPRAISER, TOWN**

Richard Lane Partridge

**BARE COVE PARK COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Patricia A. Coyle	2010
Barbara A. Nicosia	2010
Charles Harvey	2010
Francis W. Sheltry	2010
E. Brooks Robbins	2009
Cynthia Thaxter	2009
Scott Bosworth	2009
Ronald Clough	2008
Robert England	2008
Paul Doyle	2008

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, 6/15/04)**

Rosemarie Durkin	2010
Alyce Nobis	2010
Laura Spaziani	2010
Joan Hansel	2009
Shirley Rydell	2009
Avis Studley	2009
Marjorie Elsdon	2008
Kathleen Q. Norman	2008
Miriam Tod	2008

**BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK  
ADVISORY COUNCIL  
(Appt. By Selectmen)**  
William Reardon

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER  
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Richard E. Morgan

**Deputy Building Commissioners**

Mark Grylls	2008
Robert M. Egan	2008
Michael Simpson	2008
Richard Wakem	2008

**Plumbing Inspectors**

Brian McPherson, Inspector	2008
Francis J. Yetman, Inspector	2008
George Rittershaus, Jr., Deputy Inspector	2008

**Wire Inspectors**

Patrick F. Cannon, Inspector	2008
Russell McLoud, Inspector	2008
Kevin J. Bulman, Deputy Inspector	2008

**CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Guy Conrad	2010
Eric Connerly	2010
James Dellot	2010
Sandra S. Peavey	2009
Eric Gauthier	2009
James Morrison	2009
Amy Goebel	2008
William Helfrich	2008
Katy Gallagher-Wooley, (School Rep.)	
<u>Ex-Officio</u>	
Philip S. Thaxter	

**CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Moderator, ART 32 ATM 1956, By-Law 14)**

Andrew P Mooradian	2010
Thomas J. Pyles	2009
Ronnie L. Kirven	2008

**Appt. By Advisory Committee Chairman**

Irma Lauter

Anthony Kiernan

**Ex-Officio Member**

Town Accountant (Non-voting member)

**CENTRAL FIRE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 14 ATM 2002)**

Talbert Lauter

Alison Ferrante

Paul Murphy

Tina Sherwood

**(Appt. by Moderator)**

Carl E. Peterson

Mary K. Boland

Thomas J. Carey, Jr.

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**(ART 38 ATM 2001)**

Todd Bernstein (Conservation Comm. Appt.) 2010

Judy Sneath (Planning Board Appt.) 2010

James Watson (Housing Authority Appt.) 2010

Sarah Dewey (Historical Comm. Appt.) 2010

William S. Reardon (Moderator Appt.) 2009

John Kelleher (Selectmen Appt.) 2009

John Riley (Selectmen Rep.) 2008

Thomas Maloney (Moderator Appt.) 2008

Philip Edmundson (Selectmen Appt.) 2008

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**(MGL, C40 S8C, ART 1 STM 1959)**

Carolyn Nielsen 2010

Todd Bernstein 2010

Eugene Babin 2009

Sean Coleman 2009

Samuel Chapin 2008

Douglas D. Harvey 2008

Kenneth Soltys 2008

**CONSTABLE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 64 ATM 1991)**

Kathleen Peloquin 2008

**CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD**

**(MGL, C32 S20 4B)**

Thomas P. Hall (Appt. Selectmen) 2010

Jean M. Montgomery (Elected by Employees) 2010

Henry Wey (Appt. Retirement Board) 2009

Eileen A. McCracken (Elected by Employees) 2008

Ex-officio

Theodore Alexiades (Town Accountant)

**COUNCIL ON AGING****(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 13, 17 ATM 1970)**

Anne Condon	2010
William Scott	2010
Steven D Waynen	2010
Helen G. O'Meara	2009
Ann Manning	2009
Lillian F. Colbeck	2009
Robert Montgomery	2009
James F. Plotner	2008
Thomas Hickey	2008
Susan Kiernan	2008
Joanne Pollick	2008

**COUNTRY CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE****(Appt. By Selectmen, ATM 1993 By-Law 37)**

Kathleen Curley	2010
Keefer Welch	2009
Matthew Havens	2009
Daniel Walsh	2008
Brian A. Elsdon	2008

**CULTURAL COUNCIL****(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C10 S35C)**

Mary Ann Blackmur	2010
Constance H. Cummings	2010
Jane P. Shute	2009
Avis Goldstein	2008
Emily Hutchinson	2008

**DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION****(Appt. By Selectmen, 7 members, 5 Year Term)**

Benedict Wilcox	2012
Eileen Richards	2011
Nanette G. Walsh	2011
Matthew Goulet	2010
Richard Monaghan	2010
L. Bruce Rabuffo	2008

**DISABILITY ISSUES, COMMISSION ON****(MGL C40, S8J, ATM 1989 ART 50)**

Richard Morgan	2009
Susan Sommer	2008
John Pollick	2008
Barbara Partridge	2008

**EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
(Appt. by Selectmen 11/15/05 MGL C60 S3C)**

Dorothy Galo  
Jennifer Henriksen  
Patricia Tomecek  
Jean Curtis Loud  
Judith Rielly

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DIRECTOR OF**

Mark L. Duff

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS COMMITTEE**

Eileen A. McCracken  
Sue Nickerson  
Joan Newell

**FIRE CHIEF**

Mark L. Duff

**FISHERIES COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL 130 S93,94,95,96)**  
See Conservation Commission

**FOURTH OF JULY PARADE COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen Annually)**

Mary Ann Blackmur	Mary Power
Alden, Carpenter, MD	William Ramsey
James Drew	Susan Hagstrom
Susan Drew	James P. Murphy
Ruth Potter	Nancy MacDonald
Kristen Maxwell	Virginia Spannagel
Cynthia Tonucci	Wendy L. Wilson
Doris McCann	Margaret Costello

**GAR HALL TRUSTEES**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 40 ATM 1944)**

Scott McMillan	2010
Keith Jermyn	2009
Robert Shepard	2008

**HARBOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 30 ATM 1971)**

Adrienne Fowkes	2010
Christopher Daly	2010
Nicholas Amdur	2010
Warren Nottleson	2009

David Beal	2009
William S. English, Jr.	2008
Richard Callahan	2008

**HARBORMASTER-CUSTODIAN OF THE ISLANDS**

John Souther  
Kenneth R. Corson, III, Deputy Harbormaster

**Assistant Harbormasters**

Robert Jenks	2008
Michael Murray	2008
Michael Hickey	2008
Daniel Galvin	2008
Robert Blazuk	2008
Mark F. Brennan	2008
Kirstin L. Capaccioli	2008
Zachary A. Crossen	2008
Joseph P. Driscoll	2008
Benjamin A. Matthews	2008
Michael D. Reilly	2008
Jeremiah J. Sullivan	2008
Ross T. Wlodyka	2008

**HARBOR PARKING TASK FORCE, ad hoc**

(Appt. By Selectmen 1/08)  
William S. English  
Katy Lacy  
John Riley  
Judith Sneath  
Benedict Wilcox  
John Souther, Harbormaster, ex officio

**HAZARDOUS WASTE-MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Bruce T. Capman, Executive Health Officer  
David Damstra, Deputy Coordinator

**HISTORIAN, TOWN**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 2 1943 ATM)**

Winston I. Hall

**HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

**(ART 37 1966 ATM, ART 34 1967 ATM)**

Scott Ford	2010
Nancy MacKay	2010
Charles N. Clutz	2009

Martha Saunders	2008
John McCoy	2008
<b>Alternate Members</b>	
Benedict Wilcox	2010
Elaine Marcell	2010
Arthur K. Choo	2009
William Tuite	2009
Winston I. Hall	2008

#### **HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

##### **(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C40 S8D, ART 21 1974)**

Arlyn D. Vogelmann	2010
Noel A. Ripley, Jr.	2010
Virginia Tay	2009
Willis Ertman	2009
Sarah Dewey	2008
Alexander Macmillan	2008
Kathleen Sutton	2008

#### **LIBRARY, HINGHAM PUBLIC, TRUSTEE OF**

Kate Mahony  
Edward Siegfried  
A. Stedman Murdy  
Jane P. Keirnan  
Charles B. Abbott, Esq.  
Nelson G. Ross, Esq.  
Harold Goldstein  
Arthur Garrity  
James Welch  
Edna English  
Mark VanDine

##### **Appt. By Selectmen**

Edward D. Boylan	2010
JoAnn C. Mitchell	2009
David Mehegan	2008

##### **Appt. By Moderator**

Thomas J. Carey, Jr.	2009
Kathleen Q. Norman	2008

##### **Ex-officio Members**

Rep. Of Board of Selectmen  
Treasurer/Collector  
Superintendent of Schools

#### **LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

##### **(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Robert Olsson, Deputy Chief, Fire Department, Chairman

Mark L. Duff, Fire Chief  
 David Damstra, Fire Department Hazmat  
 William Gray, Fire Department, EMS  
 Taylor A. B. Mills, Police Chief  
 Charles Souther, Deputy Chief, Police Dept.  
 K. Bradford Durant, Deputy Chief, Police Dept.  
 John Riley, Selectman  
 Laura Burns, Selectman  
 Melissa Tully, Selectmen  
 Charles Cristello, Town Administrator  
 Joseph Stigliani, Superintendent of Public Works  
 Randy Sylvester, Ass't. Superintendent of Public Works  
 Harry Sylvester, Highway Supervisor  
 John Tzamorangas, Manager, HMLP  
 Edward McDonald, Light Plant  
 Richard Morgan, Building Commissioner  
 Paul Field, School Department  
 W. Clifford Prentiss, Conservation Officer  
 Bruce Capman, Executive Health Officer  
 John Souther, Harbormaster  
 Barbara Farnsworth, Director of Elder Services

**LONG RANGE WASTE DISPOSAL/RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Moderator, ART 25 ATM 1974)**

Stacy S. Havens	2009
Patrick S. Durkin	2009
Mark A. Hallal	2009
Marianne MacDonald	2009
Timothy H. White	2008
Peter G. Stathopoulos	2008
Maureen A. Devine	2008
Cheryl Alexander Bierwirth	2008
Brenda P. Black	2008

Ex-officio

Ass't. Superintendent Public Works

**MASS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTH. ADVISORY BOARD**

Charles Y. Chittick, Jr., Hingham Representative

**MASS BAYS PROGRAM LOCAL GOVERNANCE COMM.**

Peter S. Rosen, Hingham Representative  
 Faith L. Burbank, Alternate Representative

**MASS WATER RESOURCES AUTH. ADVISORY BOARD**

Edmund Demko, Hingham Representative  
 Michael Salerno, Alternate Representative

**MASSPORT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, 11/30/2000)**

Declan Boland, Hingham Representative

Mathew E. MacIver, Alternate Representative

**MEMORIAL BELL TOWER COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen Annually, ART 13 ATM 1975)**

Kenneth W. Drescher

John McKendry

Shirley Newsom

Nancy Stimson

Joan Getto

Michael Shilhan

Dorcas V. Wagner

Justine L. W. Thurston

Eugene Shaw

Elizabeth Shaw

**METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C161 S7, 3 Year Term)**

Charles J. Cristello 2009

Edna S. English, Alternate

**MUNICIPAL HEARINGS OFFICER**

Eileen A. McCracken

**OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C161 S7, ART 15 ATM 1997)**

James Morris (Conservation Appt.) 2010

Peter Rosen (Conservation Appt.) 2010

Susan Berry (Planning Board Appt.) 2009

Michael Pollard (Conservation Appt.) 2008

John Davenport (Selectmen Appt.) 2008

**PARKING CLERK**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 13 STM 11/16/81)**

Eileen A. McCracken

**PERSONNEL BOARD**

**(Appt. By Moderator, ART 4 ATM 1970)**

Nelson G. Ross 2010

David Pace 2009

Marie S. Harris 2009

Michael J. Puzo 2008

William D. MacGillivray 2008

**PLYMOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD REP.**

Melissa A. Tully

**POLICE CHIEF**

Taylor A. B. Mills

**PUBLIC WORKS, SUPERINTENDENT OF  
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C41 S66)**

Joseph Stigliani

**PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Moderator, ART 15 ATM 2002)**

John J. Bailey

Robert P. Garrity

Brian McSweeney

**(Appt. by Selectmen)**

Karl Willner

Robert S. Bucey

Edward Colbert

George W. Ullrich

**REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL PLANNING COMM.  
(Appt. By Moderator, ART 62 ATM 1991)**

Peter G. Stathopoulos

S. Edward Eaton

Helga J. Jorgensen

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

**(Appt. by Selectmen, MGL C51 S15, 18)**

Betty Tower 2010

Virginia Gray 2009

Alice P. Granahan 2008

Eileen A. McCracken, Town Clerk

**ROUTE 3 SOUTH TASK FORCE**

Stephen Kelsch, Hingham Rep.

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 26 ATM 1975)**

Roger Nastou 2010

Thomas Hagstrom 2010

Kurt Weisenbeck 2010

Matthew Welch 2010

Jean Montgomery 2009

Francis Gaul 2009

James MacAllen 2009

Lisa Virello 2008  
Scott Peterson 2008

**SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE, 2006  
(ART. 17, ATM 2006)**

Stepan Vogelmann (Selectmen Appt.)  
Sandra Cleary (Selectmen Appt.)  
Timothy R. Collins (Moderator Appt.)  
Alan J. Macdonald (Moderator Appt.)  
Samantha Anderson (School Comm. Appt.)  
Peter Bradley (School Comm. Appt.)  
Stephen Nagle (School Comm. Appt.)

**SOUTH SHORE COALITION  
(Appt. By Selectmen, 3 Year Term)**

Laura Burns 2010

**SOUTH SHORE COUNTRY CLUB FACILITIES/BUSINESS  
STUDY COMMITTEE**

**(Ad Hoc. Appt. By Selectmen, 4/07)**

Luis Alvarado  
Cheryl A. Bierwirth  
Jon Lindberg

**SOUTH SHORE RECYCLING COOPERATIVE  
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Joseph Stigliani  
Helga Jorgensen  
Randy Sylvester

**SOUTH WEYMOUTH NAVAL AIR STATION**

Stephen Kelsch, Member CAC  
Joseph Fisher, Member CAC  
William Koplovsky, Rep. To the Advisory Board of the South Shore  
Tri-Town Development Corp.

**SPECIAL COMMISSION ON EQUITY OF FARES  
(Appt. By Selectmen, 9/7/2004)**

Martha Bewick

**TAXATION AID FUND COMMITTEE  
(Appt. by Selectmen, 11/15/05 MGL C60 S3D)**

John J. Pollick  
Ingrid Eikinas  
Carolyn Kelliher  
Greg Hall, Assessors

Jean Montgomery, Treasurer

**375<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Selectmen 9/4/2007)**

Susan Haley

Ellen Whalen

Deborah Ludwig

Dr. Elizabeth Eldredge

Joan Getto

Justine L. W. Thurston

Barbara B. Wollan

William Wilcox

Lucinda Day

Henry Day

Joan Snowber

Thomas Bright

Suzanne Buchanan

Edward Johnson

Cynthia Wilkins

Judy Graham

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Charles J. Cristello

**TOWN ENERGY POLICY COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, 11/06)**

Ted Alexiades, Town Accountant

David Killory, School Dept.

John Tzimirangas, Light Plant

Robert Baynes

Pamela Harty

Russell Heissner

Brian Phillips

**TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Police Chief

Fire Chief

Planning Board Chairman

Dept. of Public Works Superintendent

Michael Pevarnik

Philip Resca

Leslie Kehoe

2010

2009

2008

**TREE WARDEN**

Joseph Stigliani

John Bibby, Deputy Tree Warden

**UNDERGROUND UTILITIES TASK FORCE**

**(Appt. By Selectmen, 9/18/2007)**

Bruce Rabuffo

Sandra Peavey

Susan Sullivan

Benedict Wilcox

John Tzimirangas  
John Riley

**VETERANS COUNCIL**

Edward Barr  
Robert Beal  
James Calypoolle  
Michael Cunningham  
Theodore Evangelides  
Arthur Smith

Keith Jermyn  
Stephen Kelsch  
Scott McMillan  
John Overbagh  
William Ramsey  
Larry St. Laurent

**WASTEWATER MASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE  
(ART 23 ATM 2004)**

John Brandt (Sewer Comm. Rep.)  
John Riley (Selectmen Rep.)  
Kirk Shilts (Board of Health Rep.)  
Eugene Babin (Con. Comm. Rep.)  
W. Tod McGrath (Planning Board Rep.)  
Richard Hull (Selectmen Appt.)  
Mark White (Selectmen Appt.)  
Mathew E. MacIver (Moderator Appt.)  
Francis Mahony, Jr. (Moderator Appt.)

**WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Moderator, ART 11 ATM 1946)**

Thomas A. Burbank  
Roger W. Sullivan  
Samuel S. Mullin  
Maureen F. Doran  
Kirk J. Shilts  
Robert W. Stuart  
James Connelly

**WEIGHTS & MEASURES INSPECTOR  
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C98 S34, Annual Appt.)**

Charles Alexson (Deputy)  
Robert Egan (Deputy)

**WEIR RIVER ESTUARY PARK COMMITTEE**

Faith Burbank  
James Rodgers, Alternate  
Darrell Baker, Alternate

**ZONING PERMITS STUDY COMMITTEE  
(Appt. By Moderator, ART 32 ATM 2006)**

Victor N. Baltera

Richard S. Cook

Donald R. Pinto, Jr.

Luis A. Alvarado

William C. Ramsey

Susan Murphy, Planning Board Rep.

Stephen McLaughlin, ZBA Rep.

- Annual Town Meeting -  
April 23, 2007

Registered Voters: 15,056

Attendance: 519

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts was held at the Hingham High School, 17 Union Street, on Monday, April 23, 2007. Thomas L. P. O'Donnell, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m., a quorum being present. James B. Conroy was appointed to preside as Assistant Moderator. The invocation was given by Rev. Paul Sprecher of Second Parish Church. Eileen A. McCracken, Town Clerk, read the call of the meeting. The following actions were taken on the articles contained in the warrant.

ARTICLES INDEX

1. Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund
2. County Cooperative Extension Service
3. Reports from various Town Committees
4. Report of the Personnel Board
5. Salaries of Town Officers
6. Budgets
7. Disbursement of Electric Light Department receipts
8. Assume liability for DCR on rivers, harbors, etc.
9. Building Department Revolving Fund
10. Appropriate state highway funds for streets and sidewalks
11. Transfer money from the Waterways Fund to Dredging Account
12. Transfer funds to the Reserve Fund
13. Transfer funds out of the Stabilization Fund
14. Transfer Light Plant Investment Income
15. Appropriate funds for School Project
16. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Scotland Street
17. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Historic Preservation
18. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Bare Cove Park
19. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Open Space
20. Appropriate Community Preservation Funds – Administrative Fund
21. Affordable Housing Trust
22. Lease of an alley way in Hingham Square
23. Lease of Beal Street Playing Fields and Field House
24. Parking at 3 Otis Street
25. Amend Zoning By-law re: Site Plan Review
26. Amend Zoning By-law re: Parcels of Fottler Road

27. Amend Zoning By-law re: Definition of Structure
28. Amend Zoning By-law re: Enforcement
29. Amend Zoning By-law re: Flexible Residential Developments
30. Amend Zoning By-law re: Parking for Marinas
31. Amend Zoning By-law re: Residential Multi Unit Development
32. Amend Zoning By-law re: Non-conforming properties
33. Amend Zoning By-law re: Distributed Antenna System
34. Amend Zoning By-law re: Old Colony Montessori School
35. Amend Town of Hingham By-law re: Harbor By-law
36. Amend Town of Hingham By-law re: Banned Dogs
37. Deferral of local taxes for activated armed service3s personnel
38. Interest rate on taxes deferred pursuant to MGL C59. §5(41A)
39. Municipal Lien Certificate fee schedule
40. Contracts in excess of three years
41. Accept Chapter 79 of the Acts of 2006
42. Supplemental dependent's allowance for ADR retirees
43. Accept Chapter 32, Section 6 (1)
44. Special Legislation re: Retirement credit D. Lincoln & G. Shaw
45. Special Legislation re: Retirement credit D. Lincoln
46. Remove Deputy Fire Chief from Civil Service
47. West Corner Culvert easements
48. Special Legislation re: Short-term borrowing
49. Special Legislation re: Site specific liquor licenses
50. Special Legislation re: Shipyard Improvement District

#### **Article 1**

**VOTED:** 1. That Becky Weston, 84 Whitcomb Avenue, be elected a member of the Committee to have charge of the income of the Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund for a term of three years; and

2. That Tereza Prime, 703 Main Street, be elected a member of the Committee to have charge of the income of the Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund to fill an unexpired term of one year.

#### **A Unanimous Vote**

#### **Article 2**

**VOTED:** That the Town confirm the choice by the Selectmen of Marjorie Mahoney as Director for the Plymouth County Cooperative Extension Service in accordance with the provisions to serve for one year.

#### **A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 3**

**VOTED:** That the reports, if any, of the Animal Shelter Site Study Committee; Capital Outlay Committee; Central Fire Station Building Committee; Commission on Disability Issues; Community Preservation Committee; Conservation Commission; Country Club Management Committee; Council on Aging; Harbor Development Committee; Hingham Historic Districts Commission; the Historian; Historical Commission; Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee; Open Space Acquisition Committee; Public Works Building Committee; Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee; Scholarship Fund Committee; 2006 School Building Committee; School Facilities Study Committee; Wastewater Master Planning Committee; Water Supply Committee; and the Zoning Permits Study Committee be received, and that all of said Committees, Commissions, the Council and the Historian be continued, except that the School Facilities Study Committee be discharged with thanks.

#### **A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 4**

**VOTED:** That the report of the Personnel Board, a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office, be accepted; that the amendments of the Personnel By-Law, including the Classification and Salary Plan, and any agreements reached by the Personnel Board in collective bargaining, which may be embodied or referred to in said report, be approved and adopted in their entirety, such approval and adoption to become effective July 1, 2007 or as otherwise specified in said report or agreements; that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$445,881 for the purpose of this vote; and that the Town Accountant is hereby authorized and instructed to allocate said sum to and among the several Personal Services and Expense Accounts in such amounts, respectively, as are proper and required to meet such amendments and to comply with such collective bargaining agreements as may be entered into by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town.

#### **A Unanimous Vote**

### **Article 5**

**VOTED:** That, subject to the proviso below, the salary from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 for each of the following officers shall be at the rates below stated or provided after the name of the office.

Town Clerk<sup>1</sup> and Treasurer/Collector in accordance with the compensation rates established in Grade 15 of the Town of Hingham Classification and Compensation Plan of the Personnel By-Law.

Selectmen: at the annual rate of \$2,000.00 each, except that the Chair for the period of incumbency shall receive an annual rate of \$2,500.00.

Assessors: at the annual rate of \$1,800.00 each, except that the Chair for the period of incumbency shall receive an annual rate of \$2,000.00.

Municipal Light Board: at the annual rate of \$214.00 each (to be paid from the receipts of the Electric Light Department).

Provided: that the salary of each such officer except Selectman, Assessor and Municipal Light Board Member shall be reduced by all retirement allowances and pensions received by such officer from the Town of Hingham.

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<sup>1</sup>Town Clerk, when serving as a member of the Board of Registrars of Voters, shall be paid for such duties in accordance with Section 19G of Chapter 41 of the General Laws.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

#### **Article 6**

**VOTED:** That there be raised and appropriated for each of the following purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, the sum of money stated therefor, provided that where a transfer appropriation is stated, the amount so indicated shall be transferred or specifically appropriated as stated; also that the authority is hereby given to turn in vehicles and equipment in part payment for vehicles and equipment purchased in those cases where a turn in is stated.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

#### **Article 7**

**VOTED:** That, with the exception of \$474,048 which is hereby transferred to the General Fund to reduce the tax rate, all funds received by the Municipal Lighting Plant during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2007, be appropriated to said Municipal Lighting Plant, the same to be expended by the Manager of Municipal Lighting under the control and direction of the Municipal Light Board for the expenses of the Plant for said fiscal year, as defined in Sections 57 and 57A of Chapter 164 of the Massachusetts General Laws and, if there should be any unexpended balance thereof at the end of said fiscal year, such amount as is deemed necessary shall be transferred to the Construction Fund of said Plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may be authorized by the Municipal Light Board during the next fiscal year.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 8**

**VOTED:** That the Town, in accordance with, and to the extent only permitted by, General Laws, Chapter 91, Section 29, assume liability for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tide waters, foreshores and shores along a public beach within the Town, in accordance with Section 11 of said Chapter 91, and that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity to the Commonwealth assuming such liability.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 9**

**VOTED:** That, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, which allows the Town to establish departmental revolving funds, the Town authorizes the continuation of such a fund in the Building Department. Departmental receipts for building inspections performed by the Assistant Building Inspectors shall be credited to the fund. Moneys shall be spent only to compensate such inspectors for their services. No moneys shall be spent for wages or salaries of full-time municipal employees. The Building Commissioner shall be authorized to spend moneys from the fund. The amount that may be spent from the fund shall be limited to \$350,000 during Fiscal Year 2008.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 10**

**VOTED:** That, subject to the appropriation of \$407,524 by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the Transportation Bond Bill, the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$407,524 as the state's share of the cost under Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the resurfacing, maintenance, improvement, design, construction and/or reconstruction of Hingham streets and sidewalks.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 11**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer \$30,000 from the Waterways Fund and \$173,674 from available reserves to the Dredging Fund, such account to be used for the future dredging of Hingham Harbor, and the Town accept and credit said account with funds from State and Federal Governments for that purpose.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 12**

**VOTED:** That no action be taken on this article.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 13**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfers the sum of \$111,486 from the Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reducing the fiscal year 2008 tax rate.

**2/3rds Vote Required**

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 14**

**VOTED:** That the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$74,698.35 to the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant in order to return investment income earned by the Town on funds invested for the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 15**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate the sum of \$255,000, to be expended under the direction of the 2006 School Building Committee for additional architectural and engineering development of the School Facility Plan and for the submission of the school projects to the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Of this amount, \$133,000 will be spent only as required by the MSBA grant application process for additional work (including, without limitation, additional studies, reports, design work) to advance the Middle School project. To meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow up to \$255,000 under and

pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(21) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

**2/3rds Vote Required  
A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 16**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate the sum of \$33,000 from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve for the repair and or replacement of the septic system at 132 Scotland Street, and authorize and direct the Hingham Housing Authority to make such repair.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 17**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$114,500 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve, such amount to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee, for the following purposes i) \$57,500 for the restoration and stabilization of the Iron Horse Monument; ii) \$7,000 for the restoration and preservation of eight (8) bronze commemorative or memorial plaques; and iii) \$50,000 for the restoration and preservation of the Cyrus V. Bacon Memorial Fountain/Horse Trough.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 18**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate the sum of \$577,000 from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve for the Bare Cove Park – Phase II project to demolish, remove and perform any additional required environmental remediation of up to 14 buildings sites and authorize and direct the Bare Cove Park Committee to complete that project.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 19**

**VOTED:** That no action be taken on this article.

**A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 20**

**VOTED:** That the Town appropriate \$60,000 from the Community Preservation General Reserve for addition to the Community Preservation Committee's Administrative Fund.

### **A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 21**

**VOTED:** That the Town accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 55C so as to create an affordable housing trust, and amend the General By-Laws of the Town by adding Article 39 as follows:

### **"HINGHAM AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST**

SECTION 1. (a) There shall be in the Town of Hingham a Hingham Affordable Housing Trust Fund, (hereinafter referred to as "the trust"). The purpose of the trust is to provide for the creation and preservation of affordable housing in the Town of Hingham for low- and moderate-income households.

(b) There shall be a board of trustees which shall include not less than five (5) nor more than nine (9) trustees. The trustees shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and shall include one (1) member of the Board of Selectmen and are designated as public agents for purposes of the constitution of the Commonwealth. The initial terms of the trustees shall be staggered as one (1) or two (2) year terms. All terms thereafter shall be for two (2) years.

SECTION 2. (a) The powers of the board of trustees shall include the following:

(1) to accept and receive real property, personal property or money, by gift, grant, contribution, devise or transfer from any person, firm, corporation or other public or private entity, including but not limited to money, grants of funds or other property tendered to the trust in connection with the provisions of the Hingham Zoning By-Law or other by-law, or any general or special law or any other source, or money from the Community Preservation Act, G.L. Chapter 44B.

(2) to accept and receive municipal, school or other public property, subject to a majority vote of Town Meeting to transfer said property to the trust, for the purposes of the trust.

(3) to purchase and retain real or personal property for the purposes of the trust, including without restriction investments that yield a high rate of income or no income, and to hold all or part of the trust property uninvested for such purposes and for such time as the board may deem appropriate.

(4) to manage or improve real property.

(5) to sell, lease, exchange, transfer or convey any real property for such consideration and on such terms as to credit or otherwise, and to make such contracts and enter into such undertakings relative to trust property as the board deems advisable, notwithstanding the length of any such lease or contract.

(6) to execute, acknowledge and deliver deeds, assignments, transfers, pledges, leases, covenants, contracts, promissory notes, releases and other instruments sealed or unsealed, necessary, proper or incident to any transaction in which the board engages for the accomplishment of the purposes of the trust

(7) to employ and pay reasonable compensation to advisors and agents, such as accountants, appraisers and lawyers as the board deems necessary.

(8) to apportion receipts and charges between income and principal as the board deems advisable, to amortize premiums and establish sinking funds for such purpose, and to create reserves for depreciation, depletion or otherwise.

(9) to carry property for accounting purposes at other than acquisition date values.

(10) to borrow money on such terms and conditions and from such sources as the trustees deem advisable, to mortgage and pledge trust assets as collateral, subject to review by the Town Finance Director and approval by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen. (Any debt issued by the Trust shall not be deemed to constitute a debt or liability of the Town of Hingham or a pledge of the faith and credit of the Town, but shall be payable solely from the revenues, funds and/or assets of the Trust. Any debt instrument executed by the Trust shall contain on the face thereof a statement to the effect that the Town of Hingham is not obligated to pay the same or the interest thereof except from revenues, funds and/or assets of the Trust and that neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the Town of Hingham is pledged to the payment of the principal of or the interest on such debt. The issuance of debt by the Trust shall not directly or indirectly or contingently obligate the Town

of Hingham to levy or to pledge any form of taxation whatever therefor or to make any appropriation for their payment.)

(11) to make distributions or divisions of principal in kind.

(12) to defend, enforce, release, settle or otherwise adjust claims in favor or against the trust, including claims for taxes, and to accept any property, either in total or partial satisfaction of any indebtedness or other obligation, and subject to the provisions of this Article, to continue to hold the same for such period of time as the board may deem appropriate.

(13) to extend the time for payment of any obligation to the trust.

(14) to provide grants or loans to assist low- or moderate-income homebuyers to purchase or rehabilitate a dwelling unit in the Town of Hingham.

(15) to convey, through sale, lease or transfer, real property purchased under this act, to any for-profit or non-profit developer or any public agency to provide low- or moderate-income housing, subject to an affordable housing restriction under Section 26 or Sections 31-33 of Chapter 184 of the General Laws.

(16) in each fiscal year, expenditures from the fund shall be in accordance with an allocation plan approved by the town at the Annual Town Meeting and upon the recommendation of the trustees, for purposes consistent with this by-law. The allocation plan shall be a general plan for the use of funds during the fiscal year to which the plan applies, and may provide for moneys to be held in reserve for expenditure in later years. The plan may be amended at a Town Meeting upon favorable recommendation of the board of trustees.

(17) Expenditures for the acquisition or disposition of real property shall be in accordance with the approved allocation plan and further be subject to approval by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen.

SECTION 3. (a) As a means of providing available assets for the trust, all moneys received by the Town through the following means shall be paid directly into the trust and need not be appropriated or accepted and approved into the trust:

(1) cash payments made by developers to the Town for purposes of creating or preserving affordable housing, under any development agreements or development approvals pursuant to the Hingham Zoning By-Law;

(2) gifts, grants, donations, contributions or other cash payments to the trust for the purpose of providing low- or moderate-income housing;

(b) general revenues appropriated into the trust become trust property, and to be expended these funds need not be further appropriated;

(c) all moneys remaining in the trust at the end of any fiscal year, whether or not expended by the board of trustees within one year of the date they were appropriated into the trust, shall remain trust property;

(d) the trust is exempt from Chapters 59 and 62, and from any other provisions concerning payment of taxes based upon or measured by property or income imposed by the commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof; and

(e) the books and records of the trust shall be reviewed annually by an independent auditor in accordance with accepted accounting practices.

SECTION 4. As used in this act, the term "low or moderate income housing" shall mean "low income housing" or "moderate income housing" as defined in Section 2 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws.

SECTION 5. The Town Treasurer shall be the custodian of the fund. Any income or proceeds received from the investment of funds shall be credited to and become part of the fund.

SECTION 6. (a) The trust is a governmental body for purposes of Sections 23A, 23B and 23C of Chapter 39 of the General Laws.

(b) The trust is a board of the city or town for purposes of G.L. Chapter 30B and Section 15A of Chapter 40; but agreements and conveyances between the trust and agencies, boards, commissions, authorities, department and public instrumentalities of the Town shall be exempt from G.L. Chapter 30B.

(c) The trust is a public employer and the members of the board are public employees for purposes of G.L. Chapter 258.

(d) The trust shall be deemed a municipal agency and trustees as special municipal employees for purposes of G.L. Chapter 268A."

### **A Majority Vote**

## **Article 22**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize, but not require, the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease for consideration on such terms as it deems in the best interest of the Town, for the use of a portion of a parcel of Town-owned land shown on Assessors' Map 61 and used as an alley way between buildings located at 116 North Street and 118 North Street.

**2/3rds Vote Required**  
**A Majority Vote**  
**2/3rds Declared**  
**Motion Adopted**

## **Article 23**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize, but not require, the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease with non-profit sports organizations for a portion of the parcel of land shown on Assessors' Map 46, Lot 33, and known as the Beal Street Playing Fields and the Fieldhouse, in substantially the form of the draft lease dated April 10, 2007 between the Board of Selectmen, Hingham Youth Football, Inc. and Hingham Little League, Inc.

**2/3rds Vote Required**  
**A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 24**

**VOTED:** That no action be taken on this article.

**A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 25**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, as follows:

Item 1: Relocate Section I-I, 2 (Costs) as new subsection 3 under Section I-F (Special Permits A1 and A2) and renumber the remaining subsections of Section I-I.

Item 2: At the end of Section I-G (Special Permits with Site Plan Review), add the following sentence: "Joint hearings of the Board of Appeals and the Planning Board may be held at the discretion of the Boards."

Item 3: At the end of Section I-H (Building Permits with Site Plan Review), add the following sentence: "The provisions of Section I-D, 4 and I-F, 3 of this By-Law shall apply to all applications for Site Plan Review under this Section I-H."

Item 4: Delete Section I-I, 2 (Procedures), as renumbered per Item 1 above, in its entirety, and replace therefor with the following:

"2. Procedures

Applicants for site plan approval shall submit seven (7) copies of the site plan to the Planning Board for review, and shall at the same time also submit a copy of the site plan to each of the Board of Health, Building Commissioner, Conservation Commission, Department of Public Works, Fire Department and Police Department for their advisory review and comments. Notice of a site plan review hearing in connection with any application also requiring a Special Permit A2 from the Board of Appeals shall be given in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40A, section 11.

The Planning Board shall review and act upon the site plan, with such conditions as may be deemed appropriate, and notify the applicant of its decision. The decision of the Planning Board shall require an affirmative vote of three members and shall be in writing.

If public notice is required, the Planning Board shall act within seventy-five (75) days of its receipt of the Site Plan Review application, provided that, if the Planning Board or its review consultants have requested (no later than forty (40) days after receipt of the application) additional information or submittals from the applicant, such supplemental information shall be delivered no later than sixty (60) days after receipt of the application. If such additional information is not received by such sixtieth day, the Planning Board may extend its period of review until the date that is fifteen (15) days after receipt of all such supplemental information from the applicant. If public notice is not required, the Planning Board shall act within forty-five (45) days of its receipt of the Site Plan Review application, provided that, if supplemental information requested by the Planning Board or its review consultants (no later than twenty days after receipt of the application) is not delivered to the Planning Board by the thirtieth day after receipt of the application, the Planning Board may extend its period of review until the date that is fifteen (15) days after receipt of all such supplemental information from the applicant. The foregoing timeframes do not preclude the Planning Board from requiring (after such fortieth or twentieth date, as applicable) submission of supplemental information not previously requested.

a. Application for Building Permit. An application for a building permit to perform work as set forth in Special Requirement 6 of Section IV-B shall be accompanied by an approved site plan unless the Planning Board's

review (including any extensions thereto) has expired without any action by the Planning Board.

b. Application for Special Permit A2. Applications for a Special Permit A2, or any modification of a Special Permit A2, and for site plan review shall be filed simultaneously. The Board of Appeals shall not make a decision on a Special Permit A2 application until it has received the Planning Board's site plan review decision, or until the Planning Board's review period (including any extensions thereto) has expired without any action by the Planning Board.

c. The conditions imposed by the Planning Board shall be incorporated in any Special Permit A2 issued by the Board of Appeals. The Board of Appeals may add additional conditions to the issuance of a special permit, but may not remove any conditions imposed by the Planning Board or modify any condition except as follows. The Board of Appeals may propose to the Planning Board the modification or removal of a site plan condition imposed by the Planning Board. Failure of the Planning Board to issue a revision to the site plan conditions within twenty-one (21) days shall be deemed a denial of that proposal.

d. Application for Special Permit A3. Where the Planning Board serves as the special permit granting authority for proposed work, it shall consolidate its site plan review and special permit procedures.

e. The applicant may request, and the Planning Board may grant by majority vote, an extension of the time limits set forth herein.

f. A final certificate of occupancy shall not be issued until the applicant has complied with or satisfied all conditions to the Special Permit A2 or, in the case of building permits with site plan review, all conditions of the site plan review decision, except for those conditions which by their terms are intended to be satisfied after occupancy of the structures for which the certificate of occupancy is sought."

Item 5: Delete I-1, 5 (Waiver of Technical Compliance), as renumbered per Item 1 above, in its entirety and replace therefor the following:

"5. Upon written request of the applicant, the Planning Board may waive any of the submittal requirements set forth in Section I-1, 6 deemed by the Planning Board to be not necessary for its review of the application. In addition, the Planning Board may waive other such requirements of this Section I-1, including the requirement for a public hearing, where the Planning Board determines that the project constitutes a minor site plan. In order to constitute a minor site plan, the proposed work must be limited to (a) interior renovations to a building or structure which do not include a change of use for which a Special Permit A2 or A3 is required and/or (b) modifications to the site which, in the Planning Board's

determination, do not materially or adversely affect conditions governed by the site plan review standards set forth in Section I-I, 6 below.

Item 6: At Section I-I, 6 (Review Standards and Approval), as renumbered per Item 1 above

(a) In the first sentence of Section I-I, 6, replace the words "Section 7" with "subsection 6".

(b) Delete item "d" in its entirety, and replace therefor with the following:

"d. adequacy of open space and setbacks, including adequacy of landscaping of such areas;"

(c) Delete item "g" in its entirety, and replace therefor with the following:

"g. assurance of positive stormwater drainage and snow-melt run-off from buildings, driveways and from all parking and loading areas on the site, and prevention of erosion, sedimentation and stormwater pollution and management problems through site design and erosion controls in accordance with the most current versions of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's Stormwater Management Policy and Standards, and Massachusetts Erosion and Sediment Control Guidelines."

Item 7: At Section I-I, 7 (Lapse), as renumbered per Item 1 above, change "one year" to "two years".

Item 8: At Section I-J (Planning Board-Special Permit A3)

(a) Delete subsection 1 (Powers) in its entirety and replace therefore with the following:

"1. Powers

The Planning Board shall have the power to hear and decide an application for a Special Permit A3 for uses in specified districts that are in harmony with the general purposes and intent of this By-Law. A Special Permit A3 shall be subject to any general or specific rules prescribed herein and to any appropriate conditions, safeguards, and limitations on time and use. One associate member of the Planning Board shall be appointed in the manner herein provided for a term of one (1) year to act on Special Permit A3 applications if necessary. The associate member of the Planning Board shall be appointed by the following procedure: (a) the Planning Board shall appoint a then current

associate member of the Board of Appeals; or (b) if no then current associate member of the Board of Appeals is appointed by the Planning Board, the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen shall jointly appoint an associate member to the Planning Board, provided that preference shall be given to former Planning Board members and former regular or associate members of the Board of Appeals. No member of the Planning Board shall act on any matter in which the member may have a personal or financial interest, and in such event, the associate member shall be designated to serve on the Planning Board and to act upon the matter."

(b) At subsection 2 (Fees), change the heading to "Fees and Costs" and insert, after the words "Section I-D,4" the words "and I-F,3".

(c) At Section I-J, add a new subsection 6 as follows:

"6. Lapse.  
Except for good cause, a Special Permit A3 shall lapse in two (2) years after the date of issue, or such shorter period as may be specified by the Planning Board, which shall not include any time required to pursue or await the determination of an appeal pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 17."

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 26**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, in the "Zoning Map, Part A, Town of Hingham", both as heretofore amended, as follows:

By removing from the Industrial District, and including in Residence District A, the following parcels shown on the Town of Hingham Assessors' Map:

131/047/11	43 Fottler Road
131/047/10	47 Fottler Road
131/047/9	51 Fottler Road
131/047/8	55 Fottler Road
131/047/7	59 Fottler Road
131/047/6	65 Fottler Road
131/047/5	69 Fottler Road

**2/3rds Vote Required**

**A Unanimous Vote**

## **Article 27**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, as follows:

At Section VI, Definitions, delete the existing definition of structure in its entirety, and replace therefor with the following:

“STRUCTURE: anything constructed or erected at a fixed location on the ground to give support, provide shelter, or satisfy other purposes, but excluding a fence or wall six (6) feet or less in height, a sign, a flagpole, and a public utility pole. In residential districts, "structure" shall further exclude one detached accessory building per lot, provided that said accessory building does not exceed sixty-four (64) square feet in ground coverage and nine (9) feet in height, and further provided that said accessory building is located to the rear of the dwelling and no closer than five (5) feet from the side or rear lot line. In residential districts, and for any lot that abuts a residential district, "structure" shall include, without limitation, mechanized or motorized equipment that is placed or installed at a fixed location on the ground, or at a fixed location on a pad, platform or foundation that itself is on or in the ground, which equipment is used to ventilate, heat or cool a building or structure, or to heat or filter water, unless such equipment is fully enclosed in an accessory building that is permitted under this By-Law.”

### **2/3rds Vote Required A Majority Vote**

## **Article 28**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, as follows:

At Section I-C, Enforcement, delete subsection 3 in its entirety, and replace therefor with the following:

“The provisions of this By-Law may be enforced by the Zoning Enforcement Officer by non-criminal disposition pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21D. Any person who violates the provisions of this By-Law may be subject to a penalty of \$100.00 if, after receiving written notice of the violation(s) from the Zoning Enforcement Officer, the person fails to correct the violation(s) within seven (7) days of receipt of such notice, or within such longer time as the Zoning Enforcement Officer may grant in appropriate circumstances. Each day that a violation exists shall be deemed to be a separate offense

from and after delivery of such notice from the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

In the alternative, any person who violates the provisions of this By-Law, or who refuses or neglects to comply with a stop work order or notice of violation by the Zoning Enforcement Officer issued under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A or the provisions of this By-Law, shall be subject to the enforcement provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A, including a fine of \$100. Each day that a violation exists shall be deemed to be a separate offense. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Zoning Enforcement Officer from seeking injunctive relief as a remedy in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 7."

**2/3rds Vote Required  
A Majority Vote**

**Article 29**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, as follows:

Item 1: At Section IV-D, 9 (Minimal Dimensional Requirements), replace sub-section "a" in its entirety with the following:

"a. Where two or more lots are created, the minimum lot size will be determined through the Special Permit process."

Item 2: At Section IV-D, 9 (Minimum Dimensional Requirements), insert new subparagraphs "b" and "c" as follows:

"b. The following minimum dimensional requirements shall apply:

- Maximum Height: 2½ stories and 35 feet
- Minimum Frontage: 50 feet associated with each detached dwelling
- Minimum Front Yard Setback: 15 feet; provided that, for dwelling units without individual lots the Front Yard Setback shall be measured from the edge of the sidewalk or, if there is no sidewalk, from the edge of the paved roadway nearest the dwelling unit (the "Implied Front Lot Line").
- Minimum Rear Yard Setback: 15 feet
- Minimum Side Yard Setback: 15 feet (no side yard is required for a Town House which shares a party wall on both sides).
- Minimum Distance between detached structures on the same lot where applicable: 30 feet.

c. At least two (2) parking spaces per dwelling unit shall be provided in garages and/or dedicated driveways. At least 23 feet of depth from the edge of the sidewalk or, if there is no sidewalk, from the paved roadway

nearest the dwelling unit shall be provided for parking in driveways, and in no case shall driveway parking spaces extend beyond the actual lot line or Implied Front Lot Line as determined in subsection 9.b, above. In addition to the two parking spaces per dwelling unit required hereunder, dedicated guest parking spaces shall be required where building layouts or street design do not provide adequate on-street or off-street guest parking. The number of guest parking spaces required shall not exceed 10% of the total number of parking spaces required for the dwelling units in the development."

Item 3: Re-letter existing subparagraph "b" to "d".

Item 4: Re-letter existing sub-paragraph "c" to "e" and add the following sentence to the end: "Otherwise, all other provisions of this By-law and of Sections 4, 5 and 6 of the Planning Board Rules and Regulations shall apply to a Flexible Residential Development."

**2/3rds Vote Required**

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 30**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, as follows:

Item 1: At Section V-A (1), add in the third sentence thereof, after the words "parking and traffic problems", the words "on-site or".

Item 2: At Section V-A (2), Off-Street Parking Space Requirements, change the requirement for Marina from "1 space/berth" to "1 space per 2 berths".

Item 3: At "Note b" to Section V-A (2), the reference to "Special Permit A2" is amended to read "Special Permit A3".

**2/3rds Vote Required**

**A Majority Vote**

**Meeting Adjourned 10:30 PM**

## Second Session

April 24, 2007

Registered Voters: 15,056  
Reconvened: 7:49 PM

Attendance: 324

### Article 31

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, as follows:

At Section IV-E, (Residential Multi-Unit Development), add at the end of subsection 1(i) the following: "In addition to the two parking spaces per dwelling unit required hereunder, dedicated guest parking spaces shall be required where building layouts or street design do not provide adequate on-street or off-street guest parking. The number of guest parking spaces required shall be determined during the Site Plan Review process and shall not exceed 10% of the total number of parking spaces required for the dwelling units in the development."

**2/3rds Vote Required**  
**A Unanimous Vote**

### Article 32

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, as follows:  
Amend III-H by deleting Section 6 and replacing therefor the following:

"6. Single or Two-Family Residential Building or Structures - The alteration of, addition to, reconstruction of, extension of, or structural change (each a "Modification") to an existing lawful non-conforming single or two-family residential building or structure, which Modification extends the nonconformity but does not further reduce the minimum linear measurement of the existing nonconforming dimensions, may be permitted by a Special Permit A1 determination by the Board of Appeals, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 6, that such Modification is not substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming building or structure to the neighborhood. The Building Commissioner may issue a building permit for any Modification for any single or two-family residential building or structure legally in existence provided that such Modification complies with all applicable provisions of the Zoning By-law other than lot frontage and/or lot area."

**2/3rds Vote Required  
A Majority Opposed  
Motion Failed**

**Article 33**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, as follows:

Item 1: At Section III-F, 2, delete the following: "Mass-American Water Company, 900 Main Street (Assessors' Maps 147-8 and 158-36)"

Item 2: At Section V-E (3), insert, after the definition of "Communication Equipment Shelter", the following language:

"Distributed Antenna System (DAS)

A multiple antenna system including antennas and control boxes typically installed on utility poles interconnected via cable or fibers belonging to the access point/base station dispersed across a coverage area. The system shall be capable of co-locating multiple Personal Wireless Service providers simultaneously."

Item 3: At Section V-E (3), strike the definition of "Existing Structure" in its entirety, and insert, after the definition of "FCC", the following language:

"Host Structure

Any building or structure (as defined in Section VI of this By-Law) other than a Tower, but including (notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section VI) utility poles, signs and flagpoles, upon or within which a new Personal Wireless Service Facility or major modification thereof is proposed, including, without limitation, any newly constructed building or structure or any addition to any existing building or structure upon or within which installation of a Personal Wireless Service Facility is simultaneously proposed."

and replace the term "Existing Structure" wherever it appears in Section V-E with the term "Host Structure".

Item 4: Amend Section V-E (4) by adding the following language after the existing final paragraph:

"In all zoning districts a DAS may be installed on non-residential Host Structures upon the issuance of a Special Permit A2 by the Board of Appeals.

A Tower may be permitted in the locations specified in this By-Law only after it is found that a DAS cannot provide as adequate coverage or service as the proposed Tower. The Applicant must provide evidence that utilizing a DAS, or connecting into an existing DAS, will not provide such adequate coverage or service."

Item 5: Amend Section V-E (5) by changing the cross-reference from "Section I-I" to "Section I-F, 3".

Item 6: Replace Section V-E (7.b) in its entirety with the following language:

"b. No new Tower shall be erected if there is technically suitable space available on an existing Tower, or capacity within a DAS, within the geographic area that the proposed Tower is to serve. The Applicant shall make reasonable accommodation and shall agree to rent or lease space on the Tower, under the terms of a fair-market lease, without discrimination to other Personal Wireless Service providers."

Item 7: Amend Section V-E (8) as follows:

Amend subsection "a" by adding at the end thereof: ", provided however, antennas installed on utility poles, signs or flag poles as part of a DAS shall not be required to be camouflaged."

Add the following new subsections "c" and "d":

"c. Antennas installed on utility poles, signs or flag poles as part of a DAS shall not exceed ten feet in height beyond the highest point of such utility pole, sign or flag pole.

d. Unless an earlier expiration date is specified by the Board of Appeals in the special permit, all special permits for Distributed Antenna Systems shall expire automatically ten years from the date of issuance. Prior to expiration the Applicant may apply for successive ten-year renewals, subject to a public hearing process. In determining whether the special permit shall be renewed, the Board shall take into consideration whether there then exists any structures and/or technology available to the Applicant which would enable the Applicant to provide functionally-equivalent services in a less intrusive manner."

And change the former subsection "c" to "e".

Item 8: Amend Section V-E (10) by adding the following language after subsection i:

"j. All unused Personal Wireless Service Facilities or parts thereof which have not been used for two years shall be dismantled and removed at the owner's expense. The Board of Appeals may require that the proper dismantling and removal be secured by a bond or other form of security sufficient in the opinion of the Board to secure performance under this subsection (j)."

**2/3rds Vote Required  
A Majority Vote  
Motion Adopted**

**Article 34**

**VOTED:** That no action be taken on this article.

**2/3rds Vote Required  
A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 35**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the General By-laws of the Town of Hingham adopted March 13, 1939, as heretofore amended at Article 15 as follows:

Item 1. Remove Section 4 (f) (ii) and replace it with the following:

Section 4 (f) (ii) - Transient moorings, when available, will be limited to a total of six (6) in the inner basin. The Harbormaster has the sole authority to create and assign the use of transient moorings.

Item 2. Remove Section 9 in its entirety and replace it with the following:

Section 9 – No person shall operate a boat in Hingham Harbor or in the Hingham waters of the Back River or Weir River (which are Areas of Critical Environmental Concern) while towing water skiers, aquaplanes or other similar devices except in areas defined on charts issued by the Board of Selectmen and in no event shall any such boat be operated within one hundred fifty (150) feet of any beach or swimming float.

Item 3. Remove Section 14 in its entirety and replace it with the following:

Section 14 - The Harbormaster, Deputy Harbormaster, Assistant Harbormasters and officers of the Hingham Police Department have the

authority to enforce this article and Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90B.

Item 4. Remove Section 15 in its entirety and replace it with the following:

Section 15 – Whoever violates any section or provision of this Article shall be liable for a penalty of fifty (50) dollars per day for each violation.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 36**

**VOTED:** That the Town amend the General By-laws of the Town of Hingham adopted March 13, 1939, as heretofore amended, at Article 17 by inserting a new SECTION 12 as follows:

SECTION 12 – Banned or Removed Dogs

- a. Dogs “banned” or “removed” from another town or municipality may not be relocated to or permitted to be kept within the territory of the Town of Hingham.
- b. Fines for Violation – Violation of Article 17, Section 12 a shall be punished by a fine of \$50.00 for each offense, each day of violation constituting a separate offense.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 37**

**VOTED:** That the Town accept MGL Chapter 59 §5L, so that any local taxes due to the Town under that chapter by a member of the Massachusetts National Guard or reservist or a dependent of a member of the Massachusetts National Guard or reservist shall be deferred while that member is on active service outside the commonwealth and for the next 180 days after that service. No interest or penalties shall be assessed for any period before the expiration of those 180 days.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 38**

**VOTED:** That the interest rate on property taxes deferred pursuant to MGL Chapter 59, Section 5 (41A), as amended by Chapter 136 of the Acts of 2005, be set at 4% for fiscal year 2008.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 39**

**VOTED:** That the Town accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 23B thereby authorizing the collector of taxes to furnish a certificate of liens as provided in section twenty-three according to the following schedule: for land of less than one acre upon which there is no permanent structure, a fee of twenty-five dollars; for land upon which is situated no more than a single family residence and outbuildings, a fee of twenty-five dollars; for land upon which is situated no more than a two family residence and outbuildings, a fee of twenty-five dollars; for land upon which is situated no more than a three family residence with outbuildings, a fee of twenty-five dollars; for land upon which is situated a residence for four or more families, a fee of one hundred dollars; for land upon which is situated a commercial, industrial or public utility structure, a fee of one hundred and fifty dollars; for farms, forest land and all other real property, a fee of fifty dollars. In no case shall the fee exceed one half of one per cent of the assessed value of the real estate and the money so received shall be paid into the Town treasury.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 40**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee to enter into contracts for the acquisition or lease of equipment or vehicles for periods up to and including five years, provided that such equipment or vehicles have a useful life expectancy at least equal to the length of the contract.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 41**

**VOTED:** That the Town accept Chapter 39, Section 23D as amended by Chapter 79 of the Acts of 2006, an act further regulating meetings of municipal boards.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 42**

**VOTED:** That the Town accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 32, Section 7(2) (a) (iii) which establishes a supplemental dependent's allowance for eligible children of persons retired for accidental disability.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 43**

**VOTED:** That the Town accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 32, Section 6 (1) which lowers from fifteen years to ten years the number of years of creditable service that an otherwise eligible member must have in order to be eligible for an ordinary disability retirement allowance.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 44**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to continue to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth to enact special legislation authorizing the Town to grant Donald Lincoln and Glenn Shaw retirement service credit for their time as permanent call firefighters in recognition of their unique service to the Town.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 45**

**VOTED:** That no action be taken on this article.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 46**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth to enact special legislation that would exempt the position of Deputy Fire Chief from the provisions of the Civil Service Law and Rules.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 47**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize, but not require, the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase or a taking by eminent domain the rights in land parcels currently identified on plans drafted by The Louis Berger Group, Inc. dated December 29, 2006 and titled Preliminary Right of Way Plans, West Corner Culvert Replacement, and, if necessary, petition the Great and General Court for special legislation to authorize such action, for the purpose of obtaining a secure and public right of

way, permanent easements and temporary easements to allow for the construction and roadway safety improvements at the West Corner Culvert project.

**2/3rds Vote Required  
A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 48**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth to enact special legislation authorizing the Town of Hingham to issue temporary loans for periods greater than 2 years, and allow the Town to charge the Town's actual interest costs to betterment assessments issued by the Town.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 49**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth to enact special legislation to make the following All Alcoholic Beverages Licenses site specific: (1) South Shore Country Club, 274 South Street and (2) Linden Ponds Inc., d/b/a Linden Ponds, 300 Linden Ponds Way.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Article 50**

**VOTED:** That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact special legislation establishing the Hingham Shipyard Improvement District, a body politic and corporate, independent from the Town, which will assume all financial liability for the capital and operating costs associated with certain existing, proposed and future public improvements within the boundaries of the district, and be empowered to purchase, own, maintain, construct, reconstruct and operate such public improvements, including streets, parking facilities, sidewalks, water and sewer lines and related facilities, and fiber optic and telecommunications links, to take property within the District by eminent domain, to borrow funds for capital improvements and to assess betterments, assessments and fees in relation thereto and to support operating expenses, to enter into such contracts as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the District, and to exercise such additional powers as shall be defined in the special act, a summary of which is available at the office of the Town Clerk; provided that the General Court

may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and the Board of Selectmen are authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

**A Unanimous Vote**

**Meeting Adjourned 9:51 PM**

- Cash Appropriations -

**FISCAL YEAR 2008**

		<b>Tax Levy</b>	
Article 4			
Personnel Board		445,881	445,881
Article 6			
General Government			
122	Selectmen		
	Payroll	376,079	376,079
	Expenses	38,310	38,310
132	Reserve Fund	432,858	432,858
135	Town Accountant		
	Payroll	330,787	330,787
	Expenses	49,890	49,890
	Capital Outlay	142,000	67,000
	Audit	45,000	45,000
	Information Technology	76,684	76,684
141	Assessors		
	Payroll	271,113	271,113
	Expenses	10,870	10,870
	Capital Outlay	20,000	
	Consulting	47,500	47,500
	Map Maintenance	6,000	6,000
145	Treasurer/Collector		
	Payroll	249,066	249,066
	Expenses	43,813	43,813
	Tax Title	10,000	10,000
151	Legal Services	168,000	168,000
159	Town Meeting		
	Payroll	2,692	2,692

	Expenses	26,833	26,833
161	Town Clerk		
	Payroll	148,869	148,869
	Expenses	6,411	6,411
162	Elections		
	Payroll	12,370	12,370
	Expenses	10,620	10,620
171	Conservation		
	Payroll	172,434	172,434
	Expenses	13,850	13,850
175	Planning Board		
	Payroll	106,062	106,062
	Expenses	12,145	12,145
176	Board of Appeals		
	Payroll	85,853	85,853
	Expenses	7,160	7,160
177	Bare Cove Park		
	Payroll	13,949	13,949
	Expenses	5,925	5,925
191	Hersey House		
	Expenses	7,123	7,123
192	Town Hall		
	Payroll	153,690	153,690
	Expenses	391,328	391,328
	Capital Outlay	189,200	189,200
193	Grand Army Memorial Hall	12,371	12,371
Public Safety			
210	Police Department		

	Payroll (Overtime \$314,200)	3,882,052	3,882,052
	Expenses	303,578	303,578
220	Fire Department		
	Payroll (Overtime \$259,000)	3,737,834	3,737,834
	Expenses	298,985	298,985
	Capital Outlay	328,000	
	(\$382,000 from available reserves)		
230	Dispatch Services		
	Payroll (Overtime \$62,501)	460,655	460,655
	Expenses	5,600	5,600
241	Building Commissioner		
	Payroll	240,107	240,107
	Expenses	7,325	7,325
244	Weights and Measures		
	Payroll	9,666	9,666
	Expenses	1,072	1,072
291	Emergency Management		
	Payroll	5,631	5,631
	Expenses	3,193	3,193
292	Animal Control		
	Payroll	50,514	50,514
	Expenses	9,950	9,950
295	Harbormaster		
	Payroll	106,389	106,389
	Expenses	34,130	34,130
299	Public Safety Utilities		
	Emergency Water	297,300	297,300
	Street Lighting	140,000	140,000
Education			
300	School Department		
	Payroll	26,871,447	26,871,447
	Expenses	6,668,147	6,668,147

	Capital Outlay	494,250	344,250
	(\$150,000 from light plant receipts)		
410	Selectmen's Engineering	105,618	105,618
420	Highway/Recreation/Tree & Park		
	Payroll (Overtime \$37,989)	1,608,302	1,608,302
	Expenses	339,331	339,331
	Capital Outlay	476,000	3,903
	(\$472,097 from available reserves)	0	
	Snow Removal	250,000	250,000
	Resurfacing	306,500	306,500
430	Landfill/recycling		
	Payroll (Overtime \$15,914)	403,395	403,395
	Expenses	1,088,815	1,093,792
	Capital Outlay	50,000	553,000
440	Sewer Commission		
	Payroll	283,219	283,219
	Expenses	189,287	189,287
	New Equipment	34,000	34,000
	Engineering	10,000	10,000
	MWRA Charges	1,351,108	1,351,108
	Debt Service	109,246	109,246
	Hull Intermunicipal Agreement	75,000	75,000
	The total sum		
.....of	\$2,051,860 shall be funded from		
	Sewer revenue		
	Human Services		
510	Health Department		
	Payroll	262,840	262,840
	Expenses	19,650	19,650
541	Elder Services		
	Payroll	163,525	163,525
	Expenses	61,207	61,207
	Tax Work Off Program	12,000	12,000

543	Veterans' Services		
	Payroll	39,219	39,219
	Expenses	6,800	6,800
	Benefits	141,000	141,000
545	Womansplace Crisis Center	2,500	2,500
546	South Shore Women's Center	3,500	3,500
Culture and Recreation			
610	Library		
	Payroll	1,072,019	1,072,019
	Expenses	253,684	253,684
	Capital Outlay	103,000	103,000
630	Recreation Commission		
	Payroll	148,201	148,201
	Expenses	5,239	5,239
650	Trustees of Bathing Beach		
	Payroll	17,973	17,973
	Expenses	5,825	5,825
691	Historical Commission		
	Payroll	31,544	31,544
	Expenses	5,585	5,585
692	Celebrations	9,500	9,500
Enterprise Fund			
720	Country Club	1,796,758	1,796,758
	The total of \$1,796,758 shall be funded from Country Club revenue. In addition, the Country Club is authorized to distribute to the General Fund \$400,000 from Retained Earnings. Debt Service		
710	Maturing Debt-Excluded	5,045,697	5,045,697
	(\$,462,294 is excluded from Proposition 2 1/2)		

Employee Benefits

900	Contributory Group Insurance	3,761,239	3,761,239
910	Contributory Retirement	2,816,409	2,816,409
911	Non-Contributory Pensions	14,177	14,177
912	Workers' Compensation	210,000	210,000
913	Unemployment	25,000	25,000
914	Mandatory Medicare	462,000	462,000

Unclassified

901	Insurance Fire, Public Liability, Property Damage, etc.	436,649	436,649
904	Claims and Incidentals Claims and Incidentals	13,250	13,250
TOTAL	Article 4 & 6	72,232,349	71,187,252

Article 11

Waterways Fund	30,000	
Dredging Fund (From available reserves)	173,674	173,674

Article 13

Reduce Tax Rate	111,486	
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Article 16

CPC-Open Space Hingham Housing Authority (Community Housing)	33,000	
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Article 17

CPC-Historic Preservation Iron Horse Restoration	57,500	
8 Plaques Restored	7,000	
Fountain/Horse Trough Restoration	50,000	

Article 18 CPC-Open Space Bare Cove Park - Phase II	577,000	
Article 20 CPC-Administrative Fund	60,000	
Total Other Articles	1,099,660	173,674
Total Appropriations All Articles	73,332,009	71,360,926
Articles Authorized to be Borrowed		
Article 15 School Facility Plan	255,000	
Total Borrowing	255,000	0
Total Appropriations and Borrowing	73,587,009	71,360,926

- Town Election -  
April 28, 2007

**FOR MODERATOR**

	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR 6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Thomas L.P. O'Donnell</b>	203	167	233	236	208	348	<b>1395</b>
Blanks	36	33	33	39	37	63	<b>241</b>
Write-Ins	0	1	0	1	2	2	<b>6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>1642</b>

**FOR SELECTMAN**

	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Laura M. Burns</b>	184	155	217	215	190	322	<b>1283</b>
Blanks	48	40	46	58	48	90	<b>330</b>
Write-Ins	7	6	3	3	9	1	<b>29</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>1642</b>

**FOR BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Mark F. Tyburski</b>	173	145	191	194	176	294	<b>1173</b>
Blanks	66	55	74	80	70	119	<b>464</b>
Write-Ins	0	1	1	2	1	0	<b>5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>1642</b>

**FOR TREASURER/COLLECTOR**

	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Jean M. Montgomery</b>	184	156	208	206	193	302	<b>1249</b>
Blanks	55	44	58	69	53	110	<b>389</b>
Write-Ins	0	1	0	1	1	1	<b>4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>1642</b>

**FOR BOARD OF HEALTH**

	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Kirk J. Shilts</b>	171	137	186	196	175	292	<b>1157</b>
Blanks	68	64	80	78	72	121	<b>483</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	2	0	0	<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>1642</b>

**FOR MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD**

	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Walter A. Foskett</b>	170	141	195	197	182	303	<b>1188</b>
Blanks	68	60	71	78	64	108	<b>449</b>
Write-ins	1	0	0	1	1	2	<b>5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>1642</b>

**FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY**

	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Heather A. Hedlund</b>	179	158	211	200	186	301	<b>1235</b>
Blanks	59	43	55	76	60	112	<b>405</b>
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	1	0	<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>1642</b>

**FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Chrisanne D. Gregoire</b>	149	126	180	175	178	284	<b>1092</b>
<b>Stephen Nagle</b>	151	138	180	180	171	266	<b>1086</b>
<b>Caryl E. Falvey</b>	170	134	193	200	179	296	<b>1172</b>
Blanks	246	202	244	270	213	393	<b>1568</b>
Write-Ins	1	3	1	3	0	0	<b>8</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>1239</b>	<b>4926</b>

**FOR PLANNING BOARD (five years)**

	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Judith Sneath</b>	181	144	202	192	182	295	<b>1196</b>
Blanks	58	54	64	81	65	117	<b>439</b>
Write-Ins	0	3	0	3	0	1	<b>7</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>1642</b>

**FOR PLANNING BOARD (four years)**

	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>John F. Gamache</b>	113	91	92	73	86	124	<b>579</b>
<b>Gary S. Tondorf-Dick</b>	112	92	159	189	147	266	<b>965</b>
Blanks	14	17	15	14	14	23	<b>97</b>
Write-Ins	0	1	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>1642</b>

**FOR SEWER COMMISSION**

	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Edward Demko</b>	171	147	200	188	183	299	<b>1188</b>
Blanks	65	51	63	86	64	114	<b>443</b>
Write-Ins	3	3	3	2	0	0	<b>11</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>1642</b>

**FOR RECREATION COMMISSION**

	<b>PR1</b>	<b>PR2</b>	<b>PR3</b>	<b>PR4</b>	<b>PR5</b>	<b>PR6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Budd K. Thorne, Jr.</b>	124	112	141	122	126	187	<b>812</b>
<b>Robert P. Whitney</b>	102	75	104	135	108	202	<b>726</b>
Blanks	13	14	21	19	13	24	<b>104</b>
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>1642</b>

- Building Department -

		<u><b>Fees Collected</b></u>
1,035	Building Permits	\$1,079,984
64	Final Cost Affidavits	232,070
578	Plumbing Permits	41,711
435	Gas Permits	16,018
1,094	Electrical Permits	176,193
119	Municipal Inspection Fees	5,980
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3,325		\$1,551,956

Summary

		<u>Estimated Cost</u>
44	New Single Family Dwellings	\$17,730,000
11	Multi Family Residences (43 Units)	11,933,994
205	Dwelling Additions	21,191,064
449	Dwelling Alterations	8,147,595
66	Commercial Alterations	7,733,865
3	Commercial Additions	52,000
34	Sheds	329,051
5	Garage Additions	217,385
9	Foundations Only	333,550
77	Signs	239,050
3	Pools (above ground)	8,800
10	Pools (in ground)	305,700
10	Chimneys	102,668
6	Wood/Coal Stoves	12,025
28	Demolitions	261,300
23	Demolitions (non-residential)	113,030
1	Office, Bank, Professional Building	2,040,000
1	Wharf Alteration	300,400
42	Temporary Tents	67,980
2	New Structures other than Building	18,500
1	Retaining Wall/Fence	12,000
1	Antennae	8,000
1	Handicap Ramp	7,500
1	Move Building	17,500
1	Fire Station Addition	5,000,000
1	Nursing Facility (132 Beds)	21,149,227
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1,035		\$97,331,784

## Summary (Continued)

These next few years will prove not only exciting for Hingham with its many new projects as well as challenging for the Building Department and its staff.

We look forward to working with the community providing information and support.

Richard E. Morgan  
Building Commissioner

### - Conservation Commission -

This year the Conservation Commission, along with Commissions in all the states 351 towns and cities marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the enabling act voted by the Legislature which created conservation commissions. Over the half-century commissions have protected thousands of acres of open space across the Commonwealth. Hingham has placed 1038 acres of land under the stewardship of the Commission. The Open Space Acquisition Committee working with the Commission seeks out additional properties that are unique and environmentally valuable to be added from time to time, to protect the open space and water resources of the town. Recently Mr. Paul G. Hughes of Weymouth donated 7.7 acres of land near Accord Pond to the Commission.

Wetland Protection Act filings continue to consume much of the Commissions and staff's time. Work proposed along the towns 21 miles of coastline, or near streams, ponds and wetlands all require review and approval by the Commission. This year 90 public hearings were conducted and 12 enforcement orders were issued halting unpermitted work in or near wetlands.

The wet spring weather was soon forgotten as during the summer and fall we saw little or no precipitation. The Commission noted with concern the base aquatic flow to streams and ponds slowed to a virtual trickle. Coupling nature's lack of moisture with the increased demand for water by the Towns unprecedented growth over the last decade severely impacted the communities' wetlands. Lawn irrigation consumes approximately a third of the water use during the warm months. Green lush lawns come at a price as many wildlife species become stressed by

the lack of water. Anadromous fish are severely diminished by the lack of flow in the perennial streams. Herring populations, once abundant in Hingham's streams have virtually disappeared and other species have been depleted. The Division of Marine Fisheries has prohibited the taking of Herring in Massachusetts' waters, joining other states in the region.

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council has calculated that almost 24% of the Weir River watershed (Hingham, Hull, and N. Cohasset, and half of Norwell's water supply) is now impervious. That is, land that is paved or roofed over which then does not allow rainwater to recharge groundwater levels but flows quickly off to streams.

New members this year are Carolyn Nielsen and Todd Bernstein. They replaced Susan B. Berry and Benjamin Spruill.

**Conservation Commission**

Samuel Chapin, Chairman  
Kenneth Soltys, Vice Chairman  
Eugene Babin  
Todd Bernstein  
Sean Coleman  
Doug Harvey  
Carolyn Nielsen

**Staff**

Cliff Prentiss, Conservation Officer  
Abigail Childs, Assistant Conservation Officer  
Linda Morash Defreitas, Secretary

- Personnel Board -

The Personnel Board is pleased to submit this annual report for calendar year 2007.

All six established bargaining units have contracts that expired on June 30, 2007. The Board is currently negotiating new contracts.

The Board approved a 3% general wage increase for all employees not a part of a collective bargaining unit effective July 1, 2007.

In other actions, the Board approved the reclassification of the existing positions of Tree and Parks Foreman, Recycling and Transfer Station Foreman, Highway Foreman, Recreation Foreman, Recycling and Transfer Station Supervisor, Town Planner, Director of Veterans' Services and Animal Control Officer. The Board approved the reclassification of the Project Inspector and a position title change to Project Engineer.

The Board classified and approved the Inspector of Wires and Wetlands Filing Clerk position descriptions, as well as the following positions for South Shore Country Club: Golf Course Professional; Assistant Superintendent; Equipment Manager; Groundskeeper; Ranger/Starter; Pro Shop Staff and Range/Car Attendant. The Board approved the hiring of four new employees at salaries above the minimum step for the positions involved based on prior experience. These positions are the Library Administrative Assistant, Communications Center Dispatcher, Zoning Board of Appeals Administrative Assistant and Golf Course Professional.

The Board finalized proposed changes to the Personnel By-Law that were then approved by the Town at the April 2007 Annual Meeting.

The Board worked with the various Department Heads in addressing a total of fifteen vacation carry-over requests and the granting of an unpaid, temporary leave of absence for an employee.

The Board welcomed its newest member, David Pace.

Michael J. Puzo, Chairman  
Marie Harris  
Nelson Ross  
William D. MacGillivray  
David Pace

- Hingham Planning Board -

The Hingham Planning Board is pleased to submit this annual report for 2007. As with the past several years, 2007 was characterized by a significant workload for the Board and staff related to a high level of development activity throughout Hingham.

The Board conducted Site Plan Review for various new development projects, as well as major and minor modifications to existing projects. Of particular note was the completion, over a period of several months, of the Site Plan Review process for two major amendments to the Mixed Use Special Permit for the Hingham Shipyard, originally approved in 2003. The first of these amendments addressed proposed changes to the site plan and layout for the 150 for-sale units being developed by Roseland/Lennar for the northeast portion of the Hingham Shipyard site. The other modification addressed significant changes in the uses and layout of the western portion of the site being developed by the Samuels Company. The Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals held joint hearings on these two proposed amendments, which proved to be very productive for a project of this scale.

In addition to the Shipyard project, the Board conducted Site Plan Review for thirteen other projects, including the plans for the new East School, and a variety of commercial projects located largely in non-residential districts. The Board also served as the Special Permit Granting Authority for five applications for Special Permits A3 for parking determinations and parking waivers. As was the case for the Shipyard modifications, some of these hearings were held jointly with the Zoning Board of Appeals as they considered requests for additional relief for the same projects. While the logistics are still being worked out, an ongoing collaboration between the two boards promises to provide clear benefits for applicants and residents alike.

The Board reviewed and ultimately endorsed 16 Form A or "Approval Not Required" plans of land for land swaps, lot line changes, and land divisions in all areas of Town. While no new residential subdivisions or Flexible Residential Developments were proposed, the Board continues to monitor construction of a variety of ongoing residential developments, including Christina Estates at Baker Hill, Ridgewood Crossing, Gardner Terrace, Gardner Woods, Fresh River Landing, Commerce Weathervane at Chestnut Gardens, and others.

The Board held public hearings on and prepared recommendations for a record number of ten proposed amendments to the Zoning By-Law. Several of these were submitted for inclusion on the warrant by the

Zoning Permit Study Committee (established by vote of the 2006 Town Meeting) in collaboration with the Planning Board.

Planning Board members continue to play an active role as members of and board designees to several committees, including the Community Preservation Committee, the Traffic Committee, the Zoning Permit Study Committee, the Hingham Development and Industrial Commission and Wastewater Management Planning Committee.

Despite the slowing economy, it appears that development and change will continue apace in 2008. Special challenges are anticipated relative to potential changes in use and ownership in the Waterfront Business District and entire Harbor area. Additionally, with the completion of the Greenbush Line, a variety of new businesses are being proposed Downtown. While the Board celebrates the growing success of Hingham's downtown area, such new uses will undoubtedly result in conflicts and concerns relative to parking. The Board is committed to working with all interested boards, committees, and individuals to identify a fair and logical approach to Town-wide parking issues.

Paul K. Healey, Chairman  
Sarah Corey, Clerk  
Susan Murphy  
Judith Sneath  
Gary Tondorf-Dick

## - Zoning Board of Appeals -

The Board of Appeals has three regular members, appointed to 3-year terms, and nine associate members appointed to 1-year terms. The Board of Selectmen makes all appointments.

2007 was another busy year for the Board. A total of seventy applications were received, resulting in over one hundred hearings being held, which included many joint hearings with the Planning Board. The Board granted twenty-one residential Variances. Projects included new construction/additions/reconstruction to dwellings and garages, sheds, and conversion to living space. In addition to the residential Variances the Board also approved a height Variance for the construction of a new elementary school to be built on the site of the former East Elementary School and a use Variance for a new indoor personal sports training facility in the Industrial Park District. Variances are authorizations to use land or structures in a manner that is otherwise prohibited by the Zoning By-Law.

The Board heard applications on twenty-three Special Permit requests. Special Permits are authorizations to use land or structures for a specific use which is expressly permitted by the Special Permit, provided general guidelines as detailed in the By-Law and specific conditions arising from the review process itself are met. Special Permits are designed as a flexible tool to assure that the use is in harmony with the intent and purposes of the By-Law. Among those approved include Hingham Federal Credit Union's drive-up ATM as part of their move to a new location on Downer Avenue, construction of a new bank building including drive-up windows and ATM on Lincoln Street and Hingham Municipal Light Plants installation of a temporary anemometer at the town landfill site for the purpose of evaluating this and other sites for a possible wind turbine. Some of the more closely followed Special Permits included approval of a 130' cell tower on the land owned by Aquarion Water Company on Main Street and approval of modifications to the Mixed-Use Special Permit issued in 2003 for the redevelopment of the Hingham Shipyard, modifications that included changes to the layout of the 150 for-sale units planned for the Roseland/Lennar portion of the site and changes in layout and uses (cinema and health club) of the western portion of the site being developed by Samuels & Associates. The Board also approved numerous requests for signs, including Old Derby Animal Clinic's new building on Recreation Park Drive and a comprehensive signage program for the Samuels & Associates retail/residential portion of the Hingham Shipyard site.

Appeals are reviews of the decisions or orders of zoning officials by the Board of Appeals. The Board may uphold, reverse or modify the official's

decision. The Board heard one Appeal in 2007. Friend Street residents appealed the issuance of a building permit for construction of a new single family dwelling on a lot. This Appeal was denied by a split vote of the Board.

At the time of the writing of this report the Board is engaged in hearings on four Comprehensive Permit Chapter 40B applications, which could add twenty affordable housing units to the Town's Subsidized Housing Inventory. Those hearings may be affected by the outcome of the Town's appeal to the Supreme Judicial Court of the State's counting of affordable rental units at Linden Ponds.

In July the Board welcomed new regular member Joseph Fisher, who replaced Victor Popp who remains an associate member. The Board also welcomed new associate member William Ramsey. In August Zoning Administrator Jane Santosuosso resigned and in September longtime Administrative Secretary Suzanne Letizia-Eddy was appointed to replace her. In November the Board welcomed new Administrative Secretary Karen Clancy to the office staff.

The Board would like to express its thanks for the support, cooperation and assistance we have received from all Town departments during the past year. The Board also would encourage all interested citizens to attend its hearings, which are generally held on selected Thursday evenings at Town Hall.

Summary

Applicants:	70	
Hearings:	117	
Special Permits:	23	(3 granted, 15 granted with conditions, 1 denied, 3 withdrawn, 1 dismissed)
Variances:	40	(4 granted, 28 granted with conditions, 1 denied, 7 withdrawn)
Appeals:	1	(denied)

Stephen J. McLaughlin, Chairman  
W. Tod McGrath, Vice-Chairman  
Joseph M. Fisher, Clerk  
Suzanne Letizia-Eddy, Zoning Administrator

## - Department of Public Works -

The Department of Public Works is responsible for the care and upkeep of approximately 140 miles of public roads and unaccepted subdivisions, 100 miles of drain lines, 10,000 drainage structures, 60 miles of sidewalks, and over 10,000 public shade trees. We maintain numerous parks, grounds, islands, recreation and athletic fields, playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball courts, parking areas, skating areas, beaches, public buildings, the Town Forest and two Town nurseries.

The Department of Public Works is directly responsible for snow and ice control on all public roadways, parking areas, public buildings, driveways, schools, sidewalks and certain private ways and unaccepted subdivisions. We are also responsible for the operation of the Town's Recycling and Trash Transfer Facility, as well as, the monitoring, maintenance, and closure of the Town's former Sanitary Landfill.

We maintain and provide other assistance for the upkeep of Conservation areas, the Bare Cove Park, and numerous other public properties throughout Town. We also assist other Town departments with bidding, procurement, building maintenance, and vehicle maintenance and repairs. Working with the Municipal Light Department, we secured \$35,196 of State and Federal aid for reimbursement of costs incurred, as a result of the April 2007 Nor'easter.

### Highway Division

Roadwork and Reconstruction: Grader Patch: Winter Street, Leavitt Street (section of), and Turkey Hill Lane; Sidewalk Reconstruction: Fearing Road (section of); Reconstruction of Station Street Parking Lot (Phase I).

Snow and Ice Control: (45" of snow): (6) Snowplow Operations, (27) Sanding Operations.

New Equipment: International Dump Truck with plow and sander, Elgin Peloquin Road Sweeper.

Special Projects/Maintenance: In the fall of 2005 we began the long anticipated reconstruction of Hingham Square. Work in 2007 included additional sidewalk reconstruction, and reconstruction of the Station Street Parking Lot. We thank all the various Boards, Departments, and Committees, Associates, and citizens involved in this important project, and in particular, the Rotary Club for their donation of an antique style clock for the Square.

### Tree and Park Division

Tree Plantings: 103; Tree Removals: 138

#### Special Projects/Maintenance:

On-going maintenance includes the upkeep of two Town owned nurseries, the George Washington Town Forest, corrective tree work, including pruning, cabling, spraying, and when required, removal of public shade trees throughout the Town. We maintain approximately 150 parks and traffic islands, over 1,000 acres of park/and open space, and over 10,000 public shade trees. We also provide assistance to various other boards, departments and committees.

The Garden Club of Hingham donated a Kousa Dogwood that we planted at the Independence Park as part of our Annual Arbor Day celebration. Hingham was named a Tree City USA for the 19<sup>th</sup> time in recognition of the Town's strong commitment to caring for and protecting our public shade trees. We are fortunate to have both a Massachusetts Certified Arborist as well as an ISA Certified Arborist on staff allowing us to carry out our duties with a high level of professionalism, knowledge, and expertise. We feel our staff's knowledge and experience is truly an asset to the Town, and we are glad to answer questions regarding the tree and shrub care and maintenance.

#### Recreation Division

The Recreation Division is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of athletic fields, tennis courts, recreation areas, playgrounds, and other open spaces throughout the Town. The Recreation Division mows and maintains Pal Field, Haley Field, Center School Field, Hull Street Park and Field, Hersey Playground and Field, Bradley Woods Park and Kress Playground Park and Field, the harbor waterfront area and numerous other public grounds, areas, and schools.

The Recreation Division also assists with maintenance improvement of public roads, drainage, trees, and other Town property, and assists with snow and ice control throughout the Town. Working with the Highway Division we began reconstruction on the Foster Tennis Courts. We also repaired infields at Hersey and Haley Field and installed erosion controls at the new DPW site.

#### Recycling and Trash Transfer Facility

Last year we transferred 6,657 tons of household rubbish to the SEMASS trash to energy facility in Rochester and 964 tons of bulky waste and demolition to the Bourne Landfill. Hingham residents recycled 2,900 tons of mixed recyclables, 6,633 tons of brush, logs and yard waste, 15 tons of tires, 2,750 gallons of motor oil, 195,390 pounds of electronics, and handled 279 cars with household hazardous waste. The Returnable Bottle-Can Program donated approximately 216,631 cans and 61,570 plastic bottles for a total of \$13,775 to 21 different Hingham Youth Organizations for the year. The success of our recycling program

provides relief from increasing waste disposal fees, benefits the environment, and helps our youth organizations.

With disposal costs projected to rise steadily in the future, the economic benefits of separation and recycling cannot be overemphasized. We urge residents to maximize their recycling efforts and to reduce waste disposal through separation, recycling and composting. The Department of Public Works is happy to answer any questions regarding recycling, composting, or use of the new Recycling and Trash Transfer Facility.

#### Interdepartmental

We are happy to welcome new employees Jon Butman and Joseph DiBlasi, Skilled Laborers; James Aftosmes, Temporary Laborer, and Leslie Kehoe, Part Time Clerk, and we say goodbye to longtime employee and Transfer Station Gate Monitor, Dennis Horgan who retired this year.

In September of 2007 site work began on the new DPW Facility and Recreational Fields Project off Fort Hill Street. Work to date includes demolition of old foundations, clearing and grubbing of trees and stumps, site grading, stone removal, and drainage work. We are extremely grateful to the Board of Selectmen, the Advisory Board, the Capital Outlay Committee, and all the other Boards and Committees that supported this project. We are particularly grateful to Bob Garrity and the rest of the DPW Building Committee for all the time and effort they have put into this project and to Roger Fernandes, Project Engineer, for his expertise during the review process and on-site during the construction.

During construction of the new DPW Building we will continue to do our best to meet our obligation to provide necessary and essential services without the benefit of adequate buildings or facilities and we look forward to the time when the entire departmental operation is fully consolidated in one central location.

On behalf of the Townspeople of Hingham, I would like to thank and commend all the employees of the Department of Public Works who sacrificed many long hours last winter to keep our roads safe and passable, and who are frequently called upon to work under adverse conditions dealing with weather related and other types of emergencies. I would also like to thank all of my office staff for keeping the Public Works Department Office operating in an efficient and professional manner.

Joseph Stigliani,  
Superintendent

## - Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant -

I am very pleased to submit this report to the citizens of the Hingham Municipal Light Plant on behalf of the Light Board, the General Manager and the employees of the Hingham Municipal Light Plant.

The Light Plant continues to provide a safe and reliable electrical system to all of its customers. The three-member elected Light Board sets policies, procedures and long term planning with the customers of Hingham in mind.

The Light Board has voted to transfer to the Town a payment-in-lieu of taxes of \$497,750 to the Town's fiscal 2008 budget year. The Light Board also transferred an extra \$150,000 to the Town and the School system for computer system upgrades. The Light Board voted to fund the installation of an anemometer to measure the wind available at the Town Landfill for a possible wind turbine. At the end of the year, the Board approved the funding of a Carbon Footprint Study by the Town Energy Committee to develop a baseline for the formation of an Energy Action Plan.

At this time, the Auditor's report for the 2007 calendar year for Hingham Municipal Light Plant is not available for publication. The Light Plant experienced an 8.1% increase in electricity sales for 2007, with a significant increase in Commercial sales. The system peak load stated constant due to a milder summer than the previous year when a new all-time record demand level of 48.9 MW was set on August 2, 2006. The energy sales increases are due to the tremendous growth that the Town of Hingham is recognizing. The additional buildings in Linden Ponds, the construction of the new Blue Cross/Blue Shield building and the slight increase in residential sales have lead to this tremendous need for energy.

The Light Plant completed the installation of a solar panel array at the Hingham High School. The 2.6 kW array will be used to produce energy to the classrooms in the High School as well as being used by the Science Department at the High School as a learning tool for students to study the energy from the sun.

The Light Plant continues to invest in the electrical system in the Town to maintain its prime mission of reliable electric service. This year was exceptional with respect to the performance of the electrical system. The reliability statistics of the Light Plant are well above average and in the first quartile of performance in the industry.

In the fall, the Light Plant introduced a new billing system and a new bill format for its customers. The old system was outdated and not being supported any longer and the new format allow a return envelope to be included. The new format also allows for customer's history to be included on the bill so customers can look back 12 months for their energy usage.

The Light Plant continues to look for opportunities to add to its renewable portfolio, which presently represents 12% of its current resource mix. The Light Plant also entered into a life of unit contract with Braintree Electric, who is building a new power plant. Hingham and six other municipal utilities are involved in the project, which will give the utilities a protection against rising costs of power by owning a portion of the new power plant.

The Light Plant became an owning member of the Energy New England Company, who provides power supply services to municipal utilities throughout New England. ENE was working with Hingham Light on their power supply prior to this membership and the relationship was a benefit to the Light Plant and its customers.

The Light Board consisting of Chairman Kevin J. Bulman, Secretary John A. Stoddard, Jr., and Commissioner Walter A. Foskett, continues to work hard to make the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant a public power company that the residents of Hingham can be proud of.

We would like to also thank the employees of the Light Plant for their tireless hard work, in making the system more reliable and responding to customer outages and requests in a timely manner. The employees continue to be the single greatest asset of the company.

John G. Tzimirangas  
General Manager

Kevin J. Bulman, Chairman  
John A. Stoddard, Jr., Secretary  
Walter A. Foskett, Commissioner  
Hingham Municipal Light Board

- Sewer Commission -

Work on Phase II, proposed actions and solutions, of the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan is nearing completion and will include several meetings of the Wastewater Master Planning Committee and public hearings. This study will define the course of wastewater disposal in the town for many years to come. All interested parties are urged to attend both the Committee and public meetings to voice their opinions.

The new Greenbush pump station near Talbots, paid for by the MBTA, is now fully operational with the resumption of train service. A new biologically based grease control system is in use to reduce the grease build up in the station produced by downtown food establishments. Restaurants are strongly urged to maintain their individual grease traps to alleviate this problem. A joint regulation to that end is in process with the Board of Health.

The Shipyard project is well underway and the Commission has received a substantial portion of the agreed upon 1.2 million dollars in connection fees to be used for Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) removal as well as major repairs to the system.

Work has begun on the replacement of the Mill Street Pump Station near the harbor and is expected to be complete in the summer of 2008.

A complete renovation of the privately owned Beal's Cove pump station is underway as part of an agreement between the Back River Condominium development and the Beal's Cove Condominium Association.

The Hingham Courthouse was connected to the Weir River Sewer District ending an almost twenty year dependence on a tight tank with weekly pump-outs and long distance disposal at out-of-town facilities.

The Commission continues to require that no sump pump generated groundwater inflow be discharged to the sewer system and, as part of our ongoing I&I elimination program, advises that **we will pay** to redirect the flow from any existing pumps.

John M. Brandt, Chairman  
Edmund Demko  
Michael A. Salerno

## - Emergency Management -

Emergency Management is a continuous process of planning and preparing for emergencies both large and small. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of being fully prepared for that unexpected situation where help may not be immediately available. Each and every family as well as individual should have a plan in place in the event that either a natural or man made event occurs. Some type of emergency supply kit in your home, automobile, and your place of employment are absolutely essential in today's fragile society. Please feel free to contact us if you require assistance in assembling a kit. The Federal Emergency Management Web Site <http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/> is also an excellent resource for emergency planning.

During 2007 we participated in several exercises including an all day table top event held at Town Hall which involved our Local Emergency Planning Committee as well as representatives from all Town Departments. The drill involved a pandemic and centered on "Continuity of Operations Planning." The Hingham Health Department has done a considerable amount planning in the event we do experience a major health emergency and they were a big part of this year's exercise. Under the direction of the Selectmen and the Town Administrator a town wide table top exercise has become an annual event. Each year a different scenario is presented.

We look forward to the completion of the Central Fire Station. The building has been specifically constructed to serve as Hingham's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in addition to its normal function of a fire station. Having such a facility will greatly enhance our ability to provide emergency services when required.

Mark Duff  
Emergency Management Director

- Fire Department -

2007 Proved to be one of the most challenging and productive years in the history of the department. On January 5<sup>th</sup>, Central Fire Station was closed for reconstruction. Aside from some short periods that the building underwent repairs, this marked the first time since 1942 that the building was closed. Units were reassigned to our two satellite stations, our administrative offices were moved to Grand Army Hall and our maintenance facility was relocated to Bare Cove Park. By utilizing available town facilities we were able to save a considerable amount of money while at the same time continue to provide services. This would not have been possible without the excellent cooperation of my staff that not only were required to operate in very tight quarters in several locations but also provided most of the labor in the move and the setting up of the temporary facilities. I would be remiss if I did not thank the Trustees of G.A.R. Hall, the Hingham School Department and the Bare Cove Park Committee for providing the necessary relocation space. We could not have done it without them! I would also like to thank our Hingham Centre neighbors for their patience and understanding during construction. It is expected that we will reoccupy the building in February of 2008.

The total number of emergency responses in 2007 was 3839. This again represented an increase in calls for service as the town continues to grow. Unfortunately there was one fire fatality. The number of inspections also continues to grow as new facilities are built throughout the community. Over 600 inspections were conducted as required by law plus additional inspections for building familiarization and pre-fire planning. This has presented a considerable challenge to our Fire Prevention Division and consideration should be given in the future for additional personnel. Preventing fires is a primary responsibility of a modern day fire department. Education as well as enforcement is the cornerstone to making it successful.

In March a new ambulance was placed in-service replacing a 10+ year old unit. Because of our new Central Fire Station, we were able for the first time to purchase a full height unit. Future purchases of all types of equipment will be considerably simpler as units will no longer require custom alterations. Our spare ambulance received a complete engine overhaul and our service truck which also serves a brush fire vehicle received a new body.

Also in March a new "Torrent" sign was installed on Station Two through funding by the Community Preservation Committee and the efforts of several dedicated individuals.

In April, Town Meeting authorized the removal of the Deputy Fire Chief's position from the provisions of Civil Service. This will bring the position more in line with the management principles of the town.

In June our newly formed Emergency Medical Bicycle Team became operational after the necessary training. This has proven to be a great asset at events where it is difficult to provide conventional EMS Services. Hats off to the members of the department who volunteered for this. We have utilized the team several times including the Fireworks, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Road Race and Christmas in the Square.

The department also has several members who are active in the Plymouth County Technical Rescue Team. The team is comprised of fire department members throughout the county who are on call 24/7 and are equipped to provide High-Angle, Confined Space, Collapse/Trench Rescue and Dive Team services. The team drills monthly and was activated several times in 2007 for actual incidents both in and out of Plymouth County.

In October the following members were honored at the State House for their participation in a successful rescue of two trapped victims in a culvert on the Hingham Hull Line. Captain Riley, Lieut. Bernan and Firefighters Mark Melanson, Mark Durling and Sara Yeaton.

Retired Call Fire Captain Paul Garvin passed away during 2007. Paul was a great friend of the Hingham Fire Department and provided many years of valuable service. We also mourn the loss of Police Chief Carlson who was a sincere friend to the department beginning with his appointment as a patrolman. Both were personal as well as professional friends.

During the fall of 2007 the department participated in a live training exercise in conjunction with South Shore Hospital in preparation for a Pandemic or other type Mass Casualty Event. The drill consisted of actual patients being transported to a medical facility. Of the 13 towns that were invited to the event, Hingham was the only town that not only participated in the planning but also in the all day live exercise. Again this happens because of a dedicated staff who always goes beyond what is expected of them (many times without being asked) and I consider Hingham fortunate to have such people.

During December we experienced one of the most serious fires we have had to contend with in several years. Mutual Aid was received from Hull, Cohasset, Situate, Marshfield, Hanover, Norwell, Rockland, Abington and Weymouth. Again our Mutual Aid Agreements worked flawlessly and no city or town regardless of size could survive without them. During the

year, Hingham provided aid to Hull, Cohasset, Weymouth, Hanover, Rockland and Situate.

In closing I again want to thank my staff for their excellent cooperation and especially this year for their patience. Working from temporary facilities and buildings designed to house half the number of people that were assigned to them is difficult at best. I did not receive one complaint!

Mark Duff  
Fire Chief



Steven Becker and Kate Richardsson at the Massachusetts for Open Government (a project of Common Cause Massachusetts) award ceremony. Hingham's website is recognized as a "SuperStar", one of 24 communities out of 351 in the state to achieve this status.

- Hingham Police Department -

The Hingham Police Department was officially born in 1907 when Washington I. James was named the 1<sup>st</sup> Chief of Police. 2007 began as a gem of a year for the Police Department and August 12<sup>th</sup> was chosen as the day for a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party for the entire Town. The passing of Chief Steven D. Carlson, July 27, 2007, just three weeks shy of his fifty-ninth birthday, left us completely stunned and deeply saddened. The massive tribute and funeral service on August 1<sup>st</sup> will long be remembered by all who contributed or observed. He earned and deserved every moment of that honor. Steve had meticulously planned the Anniversary Celebration of the Police Department that now took place just days after his funeral.

The tragic irony of this event was not lost on those who attended the graveside. Within sight of one another are the graves of the 1<sup>st</sup> Chief of Police, Washington James and the 7<sup>th</sup> Chief, Steven Carlson, exactly 100 years apart. While this loss was practically unthinkable, the reality of our own mortality, even as Police Officers, is tangible and omnipresent. As the sadness welled up inside us however, it became abundantly clear that the men and women of this agency possessed the strength of character and the depth of commitment necessary to follow the course that had been set before us. Chief Carlson's clarity of focus on the issues challenging our community, his relentless pursuit of excellence by his Police Department and his endless love for this Town will all help to define his legacy. I believe Chief Carlson would have a great sense of pride knowing that his command had prepared us so well to move into the future, even in his absence.

The challenges faced by your Police Department are growing much as our Town grows around us. Unforeseen losses in personnel due to death, retirement and transfer have left us with severe staffing issues. These issues have not translated into lapses in service, but they have put additional strain on all our dedicated officers and staff. Our Dispatch Center remains the finest in the County. We are currently in the process of selecting recruits for a Spring 2008 Police Academy. However, due to the screening, hiring and training process we will not realize full staffing until early 2009. Greenbush, continued Town growth, the Shipyard project and Linden Ponds completion will all demand additional services and we will need to grow to effectively meet these demands.

Your Police Dept. continues to take advantage of numerous grant opportunities throughout the year. Various Governor's Highway Safety Grants are utilized (i.e. click it or ticket & you drink, you drive, you lose) along with grants designed to improve response to Domestic Violence issues. These, along with the State Community Policing Grant support

our core community policing effort. The D.A.R.E. summer camp program, Family Fun Day, (A.D.T.) Advanced Driver Training for Hingham High School students and, last but not least, our Citizen's Police Academy. Our H.C.P.A. (Hingham Citizen's Police Academy) most recently graduated its twenty-first class and remains a model, State wide. Two classes were completed at the Linden Pond Retirement community with the prospect of many more to follow.

The Town of Hingham and the Hingham Police Dept. once again have a K-9 Team to "Serve and Protect." Officer Jim Foss and his new partner Axel joined in our mission in early December, after nearly four months of preparation and training. The reality of this new K-9 Unit / Team for H.P.D. came about through the desire of Chief Carlson, the perseverance of Officer Foss and the incredible generosity of the public. Special thanks go out to our friends at Linden Ponds for their passionate and generous support. This addition to the Police Dept. would not have happened without the public's financial commitment.

Just as our Police Dept. runs on the strength and depth of its' Patrol Force, The Town of Hingham is carried on the backs of the men and women who volunteer for its boards and committees. We are blessed by what they offer. Without their intellectual support, guidance and generous gift of time we could not survive, let alone thrive. I am in your debt for all your services. The list of people I truly need to thank in 2007 is too long to publish, but at the very top are the men and women of the Hingham Police Dept. The circumstances under which I assumed command were indeed a challenge, but you, your depth of character, professionalism and support are the true source of our strength. For the faith, confidence and support shown me by the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator I am forever grateful.

One final thank you for an extremely difficult job handled superbly. No one present at Steve's graveside on August 1<sup>st</sup> will ever forget Dispatcher Bill Holland's poignant retirement of the Chief's call sign, 901. "Hingham Control to 901, Chief Carlson (silence), Hingham Control to 901, Chief Carlson (silence), Hingham Control to 901, Chief Carlson (silence), Hingham Control to 901, Chief Carlson (extended pause) *Rest in Peace Chief!*" The strongest men and women I have ever known wept openly.

2007 must not be defined by the untimely death of our friend and Brother Chief Carlson, but rather by his optimism. Steve carried a cup half full (or maybe more) and he had a vision for the future that was clear and bright. His prodigious accomplishments will be our stepping-stones into that future.

Taylor A. B. Mills, Chief of Police

- Harbormaster -

Hingham Harbor is home to over 1500 boats. In 2007, the Harbormaster Department's duties include assisting the boaters, recovering lost and stolen boats, supervising mooring locations, assisting the Boston Harbor Islands Group, helping the New England Aquarium scientists, running an environmentally sound pump-out program, assisting in monitoring the quality of water, and helping to educate boaters of the state and town laws.

This upcoming season we will have new floats in the inner harbor. Also the state has finished the preliminary drawings for three new floats along the boat ramp. The floats at the boat ramp will probably not be in until the spring of 2009, with the possibility of a late summer 2008 completion. Also planned for 2009 is a new dinghy dock and some transient slips at the Town Dock, making the harbor more access friendly.

Harbor dredging is still scheduled for the fall 2008 and is dependent on the State coming up with their share of the money. Also, in the fall the shellfish area that was seeded two years ago with over 300,000 clam seeds will be opened to the licensed diggers.

Finally, it should be noted that in an emergency a boater can call 911 or 781-749-1212 asking for Hingham Police and stating you need a Harbormaster. For non-emergencies, call the Harbormaster's office at 781-741-1450.

John R. Souther, Hingham Harbormaster  
Kenneth R. Corson, III, Deputy Harbormaster

- Traffic Committee -

The Traffic Committee is in place to assist Hingham residents with ways to alleviate traffic concerns in all areas of the Town. The Traffic Committee does not have the power to implement changes, but recommends proposals to the Board of Selectmen for consideration. We thank the Board of Selectmen for their continued cooperation and interest in the recommendations made by the Committee.

The Traffic Committee continued to work with the Hingham Downtown Association on parking issues during 2007. It was decided to have a member of the Committee attend the Parking Task Force meetings to address issues on an ongoing basis. Lt. Haley will represent the Traffic Committee at future meetings.

A resident had requested consideration of a crosswalk at Main and Gardner Streets. While Committee members did not object to this idea, they felt it would be best to wait for the reconstruction to take place in this area of Main Street.

In June of 2007 Michael Pevarnik replaced Joseph Burton on the Traffic Committee. We thank Mr. Burton for his dedication and interest in the topics brought before the Committee.

The Committee discussed a request by a resident to put signage on Canterbury Street to warn of an autistic child who lives in the area who may dart out onto the street. Mr. Sylvester said the DPW had already ordered an appropriate sign and would put the sign up when it arrived.

Residents of Adams Court came to the Committee to explain they were experiencing a large volume of "cut through" traffic by construction and other vehicles. Sgt. Olsson explained this might improve as the train project nears completion and an exit opened up from Adams Court onto Beal Street. The residents were asked to re-contact the Committee if the problems persisted.

Sgt. Olsson was promoted to Lieutenant in November. Sgt. David Horte was appointed as the Traffic Sergeant for the Hingham Police Department and will now be Chief Mills' representative for the Traffic Committee. Our thanks to Lt. Olsson for his concern and hard work during his tenure as Chair of the Traffic Committee.

The Traffic Committee is available to assist residents and merchants with traffic concerns. Should you have a topic you wish to bring before the Committee, please make a request to the Board of Selectmen, cc: Chief Taylor Mills, Hingham Police Department. If you have a question

pertaining to a traffic issue, you may contact Sgt. David Horte at 781-749-1212. Often assistance can be given without bringing an issue to the Traffic Committee directly.

Chief Taylor A. B. Mills, Chairman  
Represented by Sgt. David Horte  
Chief Mark Duff  
Represented by Lt. John Haley  
Harry Sylvester, DPW

Paul Healey, Planning Board  
Joseph Burton  
(Jan-June, 2007)  
Philip Resca  
Leslie Kehoe  
Michael Pevarnik  
(June-Dec, 2007)



Garden in Bare Cove Park

*Photo by Meg Robbins*

- Hingham Affordable Housing Trust -

The Hingham Affordable Housing Trust was created by a Town Warrant Article in 2007. Among other things, the Trust takes over the functions of the former Housing Partnership Committee. The Trust is one of several state-authorized affordable housing trusts that work with Massachusetts and Town agencies to preserve existing housing opportunities and increase future housing for low and moderate income persons. Increasing the stock of affordable housing benefits many different constituencies, including Town employees without the resources to live in the Town they serve, older Hingham residents on fixed incomes, former residents seeking to return to Town, young adults raised in Hingham but unable to afford a Hingham residence, and other persons with a stake in the community and a desire to live in it.

The Trustees are appointed by the Board of Selectmen and include one member of that Board. The Trust has a wide range of powers, including the power to receive money and property and to undertake projects to improve affordable housing opportunities in Hingham. The Trust's responsibilities include evaluating Hingham's housing needs, formulating appropriate housing goals, reviewing Local Initiative Projects, identifying opportunities to enhance Hingham's affordable housing inventory, and implementing and overseeing affordable housing projects.

In particular, the Housing Trust has taken over the former Housing Partnership Committee's responsibilities with regard to planning and overseeing development of affordable housing on the "Selectmen's Parcel" in the old Naval Ammunition Depot off Beal Street. An article authorizing a plan to develop this parcel was approved at the 2005 Town Meeting, and the Board of Selectmen released an RFP for this project in the fall of 2006. A developer was selected in 2007. The Trust is now seeking to make this a 40R project, which will benefit the Town, and is also involved in assisting and guiding the developer through the planning process. Besides the Selectmen's Parcel, the Trust is exploring other affordable housing opportunities and taking additional steps to facilitate its objectives.

The Trust appreciates the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as other Town boards and officials. The Trust also appreciates input and assistance from Town citizens, all of whom are welcome to attend its meetings.

James O'Brien, Chair  
Laura Burns  
Fred Copeman  
Rev. Gary Ludwig

Robert Bone  
Gretchen Condon  
William Fideli  
Lee Vigil

- Bare Cove Park -

The Bare Cove Park Committee meets on the second Monday of each month at the Town Hall, except when we meet in the park during summer months. Visitors are always welcome, and dates and times are always posted at the Town Hall. The Town's website also contains information about the park, including our new dog etiquette page.

Volunteer committee member Frank Sheltry and Ranger Scott McMillan continue to do a fine job in keeping the park in an excellent condition for year round use. In addition to summer mowing of the roadsides and fields and the winter snowplowing, they do much other work to make the Park an enjoyable place to visit. They continue to remove invasive plants, trim back roads and trails and maintain vistas for all to enjoy.

The dog waste bag program continues, but at great expense. The program has been a big help in keeping the park's trails cleaner. The triangle garden near the Fort Hill Street entrance has been maintained under committee member Barbara Nicosia's direction. Both of these projects are supported by donations. A gift account has been established and tax deductible donations may be made to the Friends of Bare Cove Park and sent to the Selectmen's Office at Town Hall.

Issues with the land swap deal between the Hastings Companies and the Town that was voted in at the 2005 Town Meeting occupied much of the Committee's time. Meetings about plantings, screening and vista pruning, and other issues, plus meetings with the Conservation Commission about enforcement orders were all very time consuming. The new athletic fields on Beal Street, a new and enlarged parking area and a new entrance for the Park will benefit all.

Another issue that took much of the Committee's time was the use of the Community Preservation Committee funds that were approved at the 2006 and 2007 Town Meetings. The demolition and removal of several concrete foundations scattered throughout the park was started. An unforeseen problem of asbestos contamination was found which led to a delay, but it is being overcome. Other projects from the same funds were the redesign and improvement to the Fort Hill Street entrance, the triangle garden improvements and re-landscaping around the green dock building on the river will add benches and secure the old bollards and bits we saved from the old pier.

Ron Clough, Chairman	Chuck Harvey	Cindy Thaxter
Brooks Robbins, Vice Chair.	Barbara Nicosia	Patti Coyle
Bob England, Treasurer	Frank Sheltry	Scott McMillan,
Paul Doyle, Secretary	Scott Bosworth	Ranger

- Trustees of the Bathing Beach -

The Trustees of the Bathing Beach would like to thank the following people for their generous help in 2007:

The people of the Department of Public Works for replacing the beach sand after two storms, for repairing the parking lot and for filling in an old well in the grove area; The Hingham Police Department for quick responses to calls; Jeff Pizzi who gave up his lunch break to fix a plumbing problem in the bathhouse; Robert Eagan of 17 Bradley Woods Drive who built a new ladder for the raft; Rose B. Woodard of 181 North Street who came up with the idea of removing the trash barrels, replaced by a sign asking people to take their trash with them; The lifeguards for their vigilant care of the swimmers and for their cleaning of the beach area; The Harbormaster for placement of the raft and buoys; and last but not least the Health, Fire, Tree and Park Departments and the Accounting and Selectmen's offices.

Peter Fee, Chairman  
Joan Williams  
Thomas Foley



Launching for the big race

*Photo by Ginny Gray*

- Beautification Commission -

Our Mission: "To foster the beautification of Hingham public areas using community resources."

Thanks to Laura Spaziani and Susan Zuger for the design, construction, and painting of signs to be placed in all HBC gardens and islands. We also thank Dave Dempsey at the DPW who offered advice and metal lengths to which the signs could be attached.

In the spring pansies were planted in new containers, replacing the whiskey barrels, at downtown and Lincoln Street locations. The pansies were later replaced with summer blooming plants.

In June HBC planted "Knockout" roses, gold thread cypress and daylilies at Cold Corner. Then in the fall, Water Street, Glastonbury, and Summer Street islands were planted with daylilies and Russian Sage. After an extremely dry summer and a water ban, we were pleased to note our plants survived the severe conditions, and are looking forward to a glorious spring.

Also in the fall Martha Bewick and others donated 5 Kwazan cherry trees which have been planted in the Triangle Park at the intersection of North and South Streets

Our year ended gathering greens and rosehips for the downtown and Lincoln Street containers in time for Christmas in the Square.

Our member, Katie Morrissey resigned from HBC because she has moved out of town.

We would like to thank all of our volunteers, police, downtown shop owners, DPW, and selectmen for their support of the Beautification Committee.

Joan Hansel, Chairman  
Shirley Rydell, Vice-Chairman  
Miriam Tod, Secretary  
Avis Studley, Treasurer

Alyce Nobis  
Laura Spaziani  
Rose Durkin  
Marjorie Elsdon

- Cable TV Advisory Committee -

In 2007, the Committee retained knowledgeable, experienced counsel; expanded it's membership to bring in other key and current disciplines; and set both general and specific goals for what it would seek from providers between now and August, 2009 when the current Comcast contract expires. We also visited various studios (the current Comcast one, which will be taken over by Comcast; Linden Ponds; Dedham; etc.), with an eye toward establishing our own, as part of the negotiations process.

This year, we have already commenced meetings with Verizon, with an objective of coming to a mutually-acceptable agreement within 4-6 months; and having them begin to compete with Comcast as early as within this calendar year. We will then likewise begin negotiations with Comcast, with a goal of agreement with them in advance of their contract expiration. There's a slight possibility a third player may also compete.

Throughout all of these intensive meetings, we seek to deliver to the residents of Hingham an improved cable product; potential individual family savings; additional/improved equipment for our schools and town facilities; and the possibility of a state-of-the-art studio second to none, for greatly expanded programming creation, for young and older, with many varied, worthwhile public and community interests. And, ideally, all this at no additional cost to the taxpayers.

A tall order. However, I believe we have perhaps the most outstanding Committee ever put together for this; and between Committee members and the guidance we are receiving, these remain our objectives.

Guy Conrad, Chair  
Eric Connerly, Secretary  
Jim Dellot (Head of Dedham School's cable; and its PEG studio)  
Eric Gauthier  
Amy Goebel  
James Morrison  
Sandra Peavey  
Katy Gallagher-Wooley (Head of Hingham High School studio and programming)

- Central Fire Station Building Committee -

Established at the Annual Town Meeting in FY 2003, the Central Fire Station Building Committee was charged with evaluating the adequacy of the Central Fire Station in the context of the growing public safety needs of our community.

After two years of consideration, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend a side bay addition to the Central Fire Station. The 2005 Annual Town Meeting approved \$3,934,750 in construction funding bringing total funds allocated for the project to just under \$5 million.

Throughout 2005 and 2006, the Committee refined the plans for the Fire Station and obtained the necessary approvals to proceed with the project.

In August 2006, the Committee put the Fire Station project out to bid. Although the scope of the project was unchanged, the low bid resulted in overall project costs of \$6,464,750. On December 11, 2006, a Special Town Meeting was held which approved the additional \$1,539,000 necessary to move forward with the Fire Station. G & R Construction began work on the project in January 2007.

Actual construction of the project has proceeded relatively smoothly throughout 2007. The pace of the construction has exceeded our expectations and will allow us to complete the work ahead of the 14 month contractual deadline. In addition, while there were some unforeseen construction issues, we have been able to complete the project within our budget. In fact, we anticipate returning funds to the town for the coming fiscal year. Special thanks should be extended to Paul J. Murphy, III whose extensive construction management experience is largely responsible for our success during the construction phase of the project.

Alison Ferrante, Chair  
Kate Boland  
Thomas Carey, Jr.  
Tally Lauter  
Paul J. Murphy, III  
Carl Peterson  
Tina Sherwood  
Chief Mark Duff, Ex-Officio

- Community Preservation Committee -

Nine members comprise the Community Preservation Committee – one each appointed by and from the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board, the Historical Commission, the Housing Authority and the Board of Selectmen, and four citizens at large, two appointed by the Board of Selectmen and two by the Moderator. The Committee reviews applications submitted by Town bodies and citizens at large for funding projects involving the acquisition of open space, historic resources, and low and moderate income housing and makes recommendations to Town Meeting regarding the use of the Town's Community Preservation Fund for those purposes. That fund is composed of a 1.5% surtax on Town real estate taxes effective beginning July 1, 2001, state matching grants payable each October 15<sup>th</sup> based on the surtax revenues for the fiscal year ending the prior June 30<sup>th</sup>, and interest on the accumulated funds. The total amount that will have been collected by the Fund through June 30, 2008 will be approximately \$6,837,423 including a total of \$3,113,679 in state grants. The Community Preservation Act requires that at least 10% of each year's Community Preservation revenues be spent or set aside for each of the three Community Preservation categories. The remaining 70% is available spending on any one or more of the categories as the Committee and Town Meeting see fit.

The Committee recommended and the 2007 Town Meeting approved three historic preservation projects to restore and preserve notable town assets: the Iron Horse at Hingham Harbor (\$57,500), eight (8) bronze commemorative plaques located at Veteran's Park, Fountain Square, Town Common, and Ship Street (\$7,000), and the Cyrus V. Bacon Fountain at Queen Anne's Corner (\$50,000).

In the Open Space category, 2007 Town Meeting continued to support the efforts of the Bare Cove Park Committee to demolish and remove the park's vacant buildings and to perform environmental remediation as necessary (\$577,000).

Town Meeting also approved a Community Housing project to repair the septic system at the Scotland Street residence acquired for use as an affordable rental at 2006 Town Meeting (\$33,000).

Finally, the Committee was pleased that the Annual Town Meeting agreed to fund a position of Administrator for the Community Preservation Committee. After interviews by the Selectmen, the Committee welcomed Andrea Young as its new Administrator. She has aided the Committee immensely in its efforts to communicate better with the various town offices and the public.

As of the writing of this report, the Community Preservation Committee is near the conclusion of the process to make recommendations to Town Meeting for 2008 projects. By the end of FY07 Hingham's Community Preservation Fund will have approximately \$2.5 million dollars available with another \$400,000 expected in October 2008 when the state match is delivered. The Community Preservation Committee will make recommendations at Town Meeting for projects in all three funding categories.

The Committee wishes to thank Kenneth Soltys for serving as the Conservation Commission appointee for the past year. The Committee also wishes to convey heartfelt thanks to Valerie Talmadge, who was instrumental in the passage of the CPA in Hingham in 2002, was appointed its first Chairperson in 2002, and led the Committee through its developmental years until completion of ATM 2006. The Committee also thanks former Vice-Chair Judith Cole for many contributions during four years of service; of particular note is that in addition to her responsibilities as member and Co-Chair, Judith took on the Committee's administrative duties.

The Community Preservation Committee welcomes back Phil Edmundson, who served as the Selectman's representative on the Committee, was appointed as a member in 2007 and now serves as Chairman. The Committee is also pleased that former Advisory Committee liaison William Reardon was appointed as a member also in 2007. Finally, the Committee welcomes the new Conservation Commission appointee Todd Bernstein.

Philip Edmundson, Chair (Selectmen Appt.)  
Judith Sneath (Planning Board Rep.)  
Todd Bernstein (Conservation Commission Rep.)  
William Reardon (Moderator Appt.)  
Sarah Dewey (Historical Commission Rep.)  
John Riley (Selectmen Rep.)  
John Kelleher (Selectmen Appt.)  
James R. Watson (Housing Auth. Appt.)  
Thomas J. Maloney (Moderator Appt.)  
Andrea Young, Administrator

- Country Club Management Committee -

2007 was a year that saw major changes in the structure and function of the South Shore Country Club, primarily in the areas of golf operations, catering and the restaurant. At the end of the calendar 2006 golf season the Committee decided to bring golf operations in house, staffed with town employees, and to not renew the expiring management contract for the golf operator that had been in place for 15 years.

The new Golf Course Superintendent Jay McGrail was hired in November 2006 and took the challenges in hand immediately, making extraordinarily positive changes to the operations and the property which were noticed on opening day receiving high praise from customers. That praise accelerated throughout the season. Holly Taylor was hired as the in house Golf Professional, and similarly made positive and dramatic changes to the golf programs, and to key customer satisfaction areas such as pace of play, lessons and specially segmented programs.

The goal was to noticeably improve the quality of the offerings in all areas, to significantly raise the level of customer service and to provide a seamless guest experience. To that end the catering contractor opened negotiations to terminate their existing contract, and was released. The subsequent RFP process surfaced several well-qualified candidates with the winner, Seacoast Catering, a subsidiary of The Lantana, entering into negotiations with the Board of Selectmen for a 3 year lease, recently executed. Seacoast Catering has been very sensitive to customer comment and has worked hard to bring about a positive change.

The transitions at the South Shore Country Club were global, requisite and a truly new approach, which left much uncharted territory to conquer, since there was no specific financial history to draw upon due to the nature of previous contracts. The goals of the Committee are to absorb the costs of the transition, such as the lease of major equipment and the purchase of some, to attain financial breakeven, and then to invest capital, with the help of the Building Committee, into the property to reach a level of quality product and service that is sustainable. Once the level of sustainable quality is achieved, which given the 2007 progress should be quickly, substantial contributions to the town revenues will be resumed on a consistent basis, only modulated by the vagaries of weather and the market.

This year Jack Gamache's term expired on the Committee after making very substantial contributions to all areas, but particularly to the complex issues surrounding the new irrigation system. Kathy Curley has joined the Committee and her valuable business experience is most welcome.

Keefer Welch, Chairman  
Dan Walsh  
Brian Elsdon  
Matthew Havens  
Kathy Curley

Nora Berard, Director of Operations

- Hingham Cultural Council -

In October 2007, the Hingham Cultural Council welcomed sculptor Susan Luery to the committee.

In November 2007, the Hingham Cultural Council met and distributed \$4,000 to support the arts and artists in our community.

Fourteen grants, ranging from \$100 to \$1100, were awarded. Recipients included The Second Parish Church Art Show, The Broad Cove Chorale, The Fine Arts Chorale, Company Theatre, The James Library, The South Shore Conservatory, The South Shore Art Center, The Hingham Downtown Association, Hingham Recreation Department, Hull Lifesaving Museum, North River Arts Society, Duxbury Art Association, South Shore Educational Collaborative, and Hingham Senior Center.

The HCC is once again grateful for the local support from the Wilder Trust which supplements our funds from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Connie Cummings  
Mary Ann Blackmur  
Jane Shute  
Avis Goldstein  
Emily Hutchinson  
Susan Luery

## - Development and Industrial Commission -

Hingham Industrial and Development Commission oversaw its main project, the Downtown Restoration, move one year closer to its conclusion. The major portions of Hingham Square (along North Street to Station and South Street) were the focus area. Station Street parking lot was redone and added over 100 spaces to help alleviate the most persistent issue facing Downtown - parking.

Sidewalk widening and modification made them ADA compatible, a major goal of the project. A binder coat was placed while many drainage areas were improved. The work of The Garden Club of Hingham and the Beautification Commission, with DPW help, saw new trees installed. While some trees previously installed on North Street last year show signs of struggling, close attention, including replacement, will be the plan for 2008 season. Plans in 2008 call for moving work to the end of North Street at Route 3A. Working with a separate group and the Selectmen, the HDIC helped develop a plan to place overhead wires underground on a section of North Street, pending Town approvals.

Work is underway on the tunnel cap to make it more pedestrian friendly.

It is the continued involvement of so many Town people--volunteers, business owners, Town staff and others-- that have seen this effort move as it has. The result has led to improved business climate and a more vibrant Downtown.

L. Bruce Rabuffo, Chair  
Benedict Wilcox  
Richard Monaghan  
Nanette G. Walsh  
Donald Kidston  
Eileen Richards  
Matthew Goulet

- Department of Elder Services -

"The Hingham Department of Elder Services is the town focal point for the delivery of social services to Hingham's population 60 and older. Its mission is to support the independence of Hingham's senior citizens, advocate for their needs and enhance the quality of their lives. In an atmosphere of respect for the older adult, the Department of Elder Services coordinates programs and services to encourage self-reliance, good health and community involvement."

2007 continued with the goal of seeking National Senior Center Accreditation through the National Institute of Senior Centers (NISC). The process for this accreditation began in September 2005. In May of 2007 the on-site review was conducted and this concluded the process to seek National Senior Center Accreditation. In July, NISC awarded National Senior Center Accreditation to Hingham Elder Services. In the award letter, Dianne Stone, Co-Chair of the National Accreditation Committee and on-site reviewer, wrote: "successfully achieving accreditation status takes the work of many people both in the Senior Center and in the community. When these two groups work together, the reward will be felt for many years to come. Your organization demonstrates outstanding leadership and commitment to quality programs and services." With that in mind, Elder Services would like to express its gratitude to all those who served on the Accreditation Committee, David Basler, Ruth Briggs, Alice Butler, Lillian Colbeck, Anne Condon, Laurel Cosman, Barbara Crane, Ruth Diezemann, Constance Doolittle, Barbara Farnsworth, Elizabeth Fernandes, Elizabeth Foley, Caroline Gibson, Kathleen Glenzel, Hal Goldstein, Thomas Hickey, Carolyn Kelliher, Susan Kiernan, Katy Lacy, Robert Montgomery, James Plotner, Joanne Pollick, Karen Sadlon, William Scott, Michele Sweeney, Mary Thomas, Mae Vuilleumier, Stephen Waynen, as well as the Board of Selectman, Town Administrator and Advisory Board for their support during this process. The award letter also listed some recommendations that would assist Elder Services to better serve Hingham's older population and included the development of a long-range plan that would chart a course for Elder Services during the next 5 – 8 years. Elder Services will comply with this recommendation and has set a goal of developing a long-range plan during 2008.

For individuals who no longer drive, the ability to grocery shop, pick up prescriptions, go to the doctor, dentist, library and attend social functions is very difficult due to the lack of public transportation in Hingham. Therefore, transportation continues to be a critical service to assist Hingham's elders in remaining mobile. During 2007, a new van was obtained through the Executive Office of Transportation's (EOT)

mobility assistance program and replaced a 1994 van that had outlived its useful life. The van was obtained with 80% of the cost covered by EOT and 20% of the cost (\$6,488.00) paid for by the town. During 2007, 5258 trips were provided to 299 different elders.

As referenced in our mission statement, Hingham Elder Services plans programs to encourage good health – both physical and mental. Through its wellness programming, elders have the opportunity to participate in a variety of fitness classes, health clinics including reflexology, and support groups.

The Outreach Program provides vital assistance to older adults and family members. Such assistance may occur through referrals to appropriate agencies for services; information about the various types of housing options available; assistance with completing various benefit application forms; and assistance with sorting through various options available for Medicare supplemental insurance. With the increase in home heating costs, Elder Services has experienced an increase in the number of applicants both young and old who are applying for the low-income energy assistance program.

The Department of Elder Services would not be able to function without the many volunteers who drive the shuttle vans, serve as receptionists, provide friendly visits to homebound elders, provide counseling about health insurance benefits, prepare the newsletter, *Central Times*, for mailing, assist with filing income taxes, conduct classes and programs, and input information into the Department's data base system. During 2007, 238 individuals volunteered 14,473 hours for Elder Services. We thank all those who volunteer and appreciate their dedication and work that is so essential to the operation of the Department.

Barbara Farnsworth, Director  
James Plotner, Chair  
Robert Montgomery, Vice Chair  
Thomas Hickey, Treasurer  
Lillian Colbeck  
Anne Condon  
Susan Kiernan  
Ann Manning  
Helen O'Meara  
Joanne Pollick  
Stephen Waynen

## - Fourth of July Parade Committee -

It is the responsibility and pleasure of the July 4th Parade Committee to plan, organize and raise funds for the annual Independence Day Parade as well as the Band Concert by The Satuit Band at the Harbor. Many community organizations participate as walking units or floats that they designed. The fundraisers pay for the marching bands as well as the historic civil and revolutionary war marching units that everyone enjoys during the parade.

Since the beginning of the nineties, the committee has raised the funds necessary to hire the bands, the reenactment marching units and the band concert. The major fundraisers are the golf tournament held at South Shore Country Club and sale of our buttons with the assistance of the Hingham-Hull Rotary Club. Donations are always welcome.

In keeping with tradition that dates back more than 150 years, the 2007 Hingham Fourth of July Parade was the "best ever" according to many spectators enjoying the parade. The Committee's own Al Carpenter led the parade for his final appearance as Uncle Sam. The top hat is being passed on to George Ford. Thank you Al for your many years of dedication as "Uncle Sam".

The members of the parade committee began planning in January. The 2007 parade theme "Preserve the Tradition" included over 13 bands, The Boston Crusaders Senior Drum & Bugle Corp., The Satuit Band, The Roma Band & St. Alfios Band just to name a few! There were 16 floats from local organizations and residents, marching groups representing town youth and high school athletic teams as well as many people's favorites, the Crow Point Marching Kazoo Band. There were many reenactment groups from the civil and revolutionary wars, antique and classic cars as well as ponies and horses. Participants were cheered on by nearly 10,000 spectators lining the parade route.

In honor of the Hingham Police Department's 100 year Anniversary, the Grand Marshals were Sam Amonte retired from the Hingham Police Department and Retired Police Chief Bud Campbell. The committee felt that these two gentlemen exemplified the proud tradition of the Hingham Police Department. We want to thank Fred Shaw of Shaw Saab for graciously donating and driving the car that the Grand Marshall rides in every year.

Each year the fifth grade classes from all three elementary schools compete for the best illustration representing the year's parade theme. For 2007 the winning design was drawn by Sarah O'Connor, of South Elementary School. The winning image is made into our fundraiser

button which members of the Hingham/Hull Rotary club help us sell the day of the parade.

The annual Stars and Stripes Golf Tournament was a great success again this year. Many thanks to our major sponsor A.W. Perry, Gold Sponsors Talbot's & Linden Ponds all well as all of our sponsors, a complete listing is available on our website [www.hingham-ma.gov](http://www.hingham-ma.gov) under committees. We are very thankful for the support of ALL of our sponsors and golfers. Their support allows us to hire the bands and marching units that everyone enjoys.

The parade committee greatly appreciates the support given by the residents and the many Town Departments. In particular we would like to thank Lt. Glenn Olsson of the Hingham Police Department for being our liaison, the entire Police and Fire Departments, Joe Stigliani, Superintendent of the DPW and the entire Department of Public Works who work so diligently to make sure everything is set up and cleaned up before and after the parade. Also, Dr. Dorothy Galo, Superintendent of Hingham Public Schools and the 5th grade Art Teachers for doing the button design every year, Aquarian Water Company for providing water to parade participants, the Selectmen and Town Administrator Charlie Cristello for their continued support. The committee would also like to thank Mary Ford, Editor of The Hingham Journal and Carol Britton Myer Reporter for the Hingham Journal for their continued support, and publicity.

- If you would like to be a part of the committee or participate in the parade or golf tournament please contact Mary Ann Blackmur 781-749-4452 or [mblackmur@comcast.net](mailto:mblackmur@comcast.net) . Visit our web page for more info @ [www.hingham-ma.gov](http://www.hingham-ma.gov)

Mary Ann Blackmur  
Alden Carpenter, MD  
Susan Hagstrom  
Ruth Potter  
Virginia Spannagel  
Cynthhia Tonucci  
Doris McCann  
Wendy Lorensen Wilson  
Lewis Scotton

Mary Power  
William Ramsey  
James Drew  
Susan Drew  
James P. Murphy  
Nancy MacDonald  
Kristen Dunlap-Maxwell  
Margaret Costello

- Grand Army of the Republic Hall -

As one of the town's historic buildings, the GAR Hall was open for visitors during the Historical Society's annual House Tour of June 10, 2007. Following completion of the last minor contractual work of the Hall restoration, dedication was planned for November 14, 2007. The high point was a Historical Society dinner at the Old Derby Academy when the W. Bradford Sprout Award was presented to GAR Hall project personnel. Prior to the dinner, the Hall was open to the public and an interesting program was presented for the audience.

As Central Fire Station work commenced, the Hall mezzanine area was prepared for occupancy by Fire Chief Duff, Deputy Olsson and Administrative Assistant Kate Knorr. This was a practical use of the upper floor space while work on the Central Fire Station progressed during the year. Cooperation and coordination among Fire Department, Hall Trustees and Veterans group personnel was excellent during the year.

Primary use of the main hall and basement involved veterans' meetings of the American Legion, V.F.W., Veterans' Council and Disabled American Veterans.

Trustees

Robert Shepard  
Keith Jermyn  
Scott McMillan



Dr. Alden Carpenter  
Farewell and Thanks for the Memories  
*photo by Laura Sinclair*

- Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund -

At the 1915 Annual Town Meeting, the Town accepted a bequest of Ada B.W. Bacon of \$15,000 to be known as the Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund, in memory of her mother. The income only of this bequest was to be expended in "relieving the necessities of the deserving poor or unfortunate of South Hingham (meaning the "South Ward" of Hingham which began at Cold Corner and probably started east of the Weir River on Union Street) preferably widows and orphans, irrespective of citizenship, and particularly in those cases for which the Town may not be liable but may feel a moral obligation to care for".

According to the provisions of the bequest, the funds would be held by the Treasurer and invested "in investments lawful for savings banks in Massachusetts". The income of the funds would then be paid over by the Treasurer to a Committee of three persons resident in the South "Ward" that are elected by the Town and to serve for three-year terms. The Committee would then dispense gifts of cash and "anticipate such necessity of aid and assistance by inquiry and investigation in advance of claims as far as possible, in order that sensitive and deserving people may receive assistance who might because of publicity refrain from making application for aid."

At present there is \$2251 available for distribution. Last year \$250 was distributed out of \$517 funds available. The present members of the Fund Committee are Becky Weston and Tereza Prime. A third member is to be elected at the 2008 Annual Town Meeting.

- Harbor Development Committee -

Originally formed in 1957 as the Dredging Committee, the Harbor Development Committee (HDC) was established in 1971 by Town Meeting Warrant Article as a six member advisory committee with a mandate to "coordinate the planning and development of the tidal water areas within the Town borders. Membership has since increased to seven plus the Harbormaster ex officio. HDC works towards carrying out its assigned responsibilities within a basic goal framework which includes (1) environmental preservation and conservation, (2) expansion of waterways access and user base and (3) improved channels of communication among all waterways interests.

These basic goals are now expressed in the Hingham Harbor and Tidal Waterways Management Plan, revised in February of 2006. A combined effort of past and present HDC members, the plan provides a history of Hingham's tidal waterways together with a list of specific objectives for their preservation and development. Current conditions are sketched, problems and possible solutions are presented and specific projects, plans and priorities are discussed. Copies of the plan are on file at the office of the Town Clerk. The plan should be regarded as a work in progress.

HDC has completed a detailed Inner Harbor Masterplan. The plan is intended to provide plans for a full pedestrian walkway around the inner harbor and a specific set of priorities for future development of the waterfront properties. The major goal of the plan is additional public access to the waterfront property.

We are in the process of requesting Community Preservation Funding for the engineering and design of a Pedestrian Access way from route 3A to Whitney Wharf.

We will be working with the Coastal Hazards Commission in conjunction with their evaluation of the Town's coastal structures. CHC was established by the State to inventory and prioritize the repair of coastal seawalls.

The State Public Access Board has requested engineering proposals to redesign and improve the existing boat ramp, We will continually monitor this process.

Public access to the Bouve property remains a concern of the committee; a grant to provide access to this property was received in February of 2002. We are currently working with the planning board and the shipyard developer to make sure that grant funds are spent

appropriately and there will be public parking as well as public access to the Bouve property.

Harbor dredging is a major activity; the Committee is working with the DEM and other State agencies to make sure that the planned Harbor dredging takes place. State funded testing occurred in 2007 to determine any contaminant levels in the material to be removed. The dredging will take place as soon as State funds are appropriated, currently estimated for the 2008/2009 dredging season.

All of these projects require revenue enhancement. Mooring fees have helped and their contribution to waterways management expenses will increase as experience lends itself to their application. Grant monies continue to be sought. HDC has worked effectively with Community Preservation and we hope to work with Community Preservation on future projects.

The Harbor Development Committee continues to expand its activities in the areas of communication and outreach. HDC co-sponsors the spring and fall harbor cleanups in conjunction with other Town civic organizations. An increasing number of waterways projects have been brought before HDC for recommendations prior to presentation at required regulatory boards and commissions. HDC encourages this latter practice since it is clearly in line with its established mandate.

William S. English, Jr., Chair  
Warren Nottleson  
David Beal  
Christopher Daly  
Richard Callahan  
Adrienne Fowkes  
Nicholas Amdur

- Board of Health -

The Board consists of three elected members from the community. The term of office is for three years. The Board oversees a staff of 4 full time employees (Executive Health Officer, Administrative Secretary, Public Health Nurse and Health Agent) and two part time employees (Health Clerk and a Food Inspector).

The Board of Health's jurisdiction and responsibilities includes such activities as adult immunization programs, domestic abuse, crisis intervention, Food Establishment licensing and inspections, surface water quality enforcement, tobacco control program, rabies control, West Nile Virus surveillance, local emergency planning, Right-to-Know program, septic system approval and inspection, bioterrorism response, Body Art licensing, recombinant DNA licensing, group day care licensing and inspection, communicable disease surveillance, massage, camp licensing, tanning salon licensing, building permit review, subdivision review, private well permitting, housing code compliance and much more.

During 2007 the Board has been working on updating some of their outdated regulations. Animal and Fowl regulations headed this year's rewrite of old regulations. These regulations established minimum standards to promote the responsible care and welfare of animals, protection of the public health, and environmental protection, which is considered necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the community.

The Board will be filing an Article for the 2008 Annual Town Meeting on outdoor irrigation system in an effort to put less strain on the Town's aquifer during the summer months.

The Board is still working on Fats, Oils and Grease regulations "FOG" with the Hingham Sewer Commissioners. These regulations are aimed at reducing the amount of FOG that enters the municipal sewer system, which in turn will reduce the amount of blockages, and maintenance the sewer system currently experiences.

This year the Public Health Nurse conducted a number of Influenza Clinics at a variety of locations from our senior housing units to the Town Hall. As a result, over 2000 residents received their "flu shot" this year free of charge and with no cost to the Town.

Permits issued in 2007 by the Board of Health are as follows:

Day Care Centers..... 11	Food Establishment. 136
Retail Food..... 56	Store Milk ..... 108
Catering..... 2	Frozen Desserts..... 19
Residential F.S..... 0	Mobile Food Service .... 8
Milk Vehicle..... 2	Septage Haulers ..... 41
Rubbish Haulers ..... 19	Septic Installers..... 45
Tanning Salons..... 4	Funeral Directors ..... 2
Semi-Public Pools ..... 11	Pool Constr.Permits .. 17
Trailer Parks..... 1	Day Camps ..... 13
Septic Permits ..... 116	Variance Appl. .... 49
Building Permits..... 457	Treatment Plant ..... 151
Massage Business..... 9	Tobacco Sales ..... 25
Massage Practice ..... 16	Private Well Permits.. 18
Soil Evaluations. .... 56	

Stephen White, Chairman  
Peter Bickford, Member  
Kirk Shilts, D.C., Member



Waiting for that special treat at the Arts Walk in October  
*Photo by Betty Tower*

## - Historic Districts Commission -

Hingham is fortunate to have a history of preservation. Because of the efforts of many who have valued the historical importance, the architecture, and the interior features of the Town's residences and public and private buildings, Hingham remains one of the few towns in the country whose structures span four centuries.

The Historic Districts Commission is the Town's permitting board responsible for determining the appropriateness of work proposed on properties located in an historic district.

Enabled by the passage in the 1960's of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40C, the Historic Districts Act, and subsequently created in Hingham by Town Meeting, the Historic Districts Commission is responsible for preserving and protecting the residences and buildings located within Hingham's six local historic districts. Hingham is one of over 100 cities and towns in the Commonwealth that has established one or more local historic districts in order to preserve the historic character and architecturally distinctive features of significant properties.

Each year the Commission or the Administrator reviews hundreds of applications from property owners seeking approval for exterior work on properties in historic districts. Most applications seek approval for maintenance or repair, which the Administrator reviews and approves immediately. Applications proposing changes to the exterior of properties in historic districts require Historic Districts Commission review. Commission members work with 80-100 property owners annually through the public hearing process to help them meet their lifestyle and space needs while preserving the historic and architectural integrity of individual structures and surrounding streetscapes. Guidelines from the United States Secretary of the Interior set forth the criteria the Commission uses to determine the appropriateness of proposed work in historic districts

The *Historic Districts Handbook* defines the guidelines for proposed work in a district. It is a valuable resource to property owners, architects, contractors, realtors, and to other communities, which often use Hingham's handbook as a model. The handbook is available free of charge to all property owners within historic districts and can be obtained from the Historical Commission Office on the second floor of the Town Hall.

The Commission consists of five members and five alternates appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year terms. The Historic Districts By-Law requires that the Commission include an architect, one designee

each from the Planning Board and Historical Society, and a resident from an historic district. The knowledge and expertise of Districts Commission members in the areas of building and landscape architecture, architectural history, and history of the town have proved invaluable to the owners of historic properties.

The public is always welcome to attend Commission hearings held at the Hingham Town Hall on Thursday evenings as scheduled. Public notices appear in the local newspaper and are posted on the Town Office bulletin board on the first floor; abutters located within one hundred feet of a property being reviewed are notified. In addition to the public hearing process, the Commission encourages applicants to schedule a preliminary design discussion prior to submitting an application. Commission approval for exterior work in an historic district precedes a building permit. The Commission appreciates the continued support of the Building Department and the Town Administrator's Office; and the cooperation of the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Board of Appeals, other town offices and the public.

Terms ended for three Commission members this past year. The Commission thanks Peter Barlow, Gene Raymond, and Sean Papich for their service and commitment to preservation.

The Historic Districts Commission thanks the Historical Commission for its fiscal support. These appropriated funds cover the general operating expenses, and the salary for the part-time staff who serve both Commissions. The Commission Office, on the second floor of the Town Hall, is open Tuesday through Thursday from 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

**HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION**

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| Charles Clutz     | Arthur Choo, Jr.       |
| Scott Ford, Chair | Winston Hall           |
| Nancy MacKay      | Elaine Marcell         |
| John McCoy        | William Tuite          |
| Marty Saunders    | Ben Wilcox, Vice-Chair |

**ADMINISTRATION**

- Andrea Young, Administrator
- Leah Godfrey

- Hingham Historical Commission -

The duty of the seven-member Historical Commission is to act in the public's interest in preserving and protecting the historical assets of the Town, many of which are identified in The Town of Hingham Comprehensive Community Inventory. The inventory lists the historic, architectural and archeological assets of the town, including the homes, churches and other non-residential structures, cemeteries and burial grounds, bridges and landscape elements, monuments and markers that are the visual chronicle of Hingham's evolution and the essence of the town's character, culture and appeal. The Inventory is posted on the Town website at <http://www.hingham-ma.com/historical/inventory.html>.

By virtue of its demonstrated level of expertise, The Historical Commission qualifies through the Massachusetts Historical Commission for "Certified Local Government" status, and is thus eligible for certain grants from the U.S. Department of Interior and the National Park Service.

The Hingham Historical Commission administers the *Preservation Projects Fund*, which it established, pursuant to statute, to help carry out projects and programs important for preserving the historic character of the town. Grants, private contributions, and receipts from the sale of the books on Hingham's history - Not All Is Changed and When I Think of Hingham - provide the income for this fund. Through the Preservation Projects Fund, the Commission has contributed to the town's preservation efforts in various ways; exploring measures to mitigate the impacts of the Greenbush Line, supporting the cataloguing of archival materials, making informational materials on the historical and architectural assets of the town available to the public, and publishing the aforementioned histories are notable examples. Monies from this fund have been specifically set aside or contributed to help maintain such assets such as the Memorial Bell Tower, the Lincoln statue, historical town markers, and the Iron Horse, "Victory", on Hingham Harbor.

In addition, the Commission now administers a special trust fund, established pursuant to an agreement between the Town and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, to assist in the preservation of, and improvement to, historical assets adjacent to the Greenbush rail line right-of-way.

The Commission administers the Demolition Delay By-law, adopted by vote of Town Meeting, designed to protect historic properties outside of designated Local Historic Districts. The delay allows the Commission time to work with property owners and developers to consider

alternatives to demolition of structures that contribute to the Town's historic character.

The Commission also advises on certain environmental reviews through the federal "Section 106" historic review process and the Massachusetts *State Register of Historic Places* program, and, since the adoption of the *Community Preservation Act*, reviews, makes recommendations on, and occasionally proposes, projects to preserve the history and character of the town.

The Commission wishes to thank Gary Tondorf-Dick for his years of service to the Commission, most recently as Chairman, and for his efforts to preserve Hingham's history.

The Commission also thanks Kathleen Sutton for her commitment to preservation and her contributions to the work of the Commission.

The Historical Commission meets monthly at Hingham Town Hall. The Commission office is on the second floor and is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

Alexander Macmillan, Chair  
Sarah Dewey, Vice-Chair  
Will Ertman  
Noel Ripley, Jr.  
Virginia Tay  
Arlyn Vogelmann  
Vacancy  
Andrea Young, Administrator

- Long Range Waste Disposal/Recycling Committee -

While the mission of the Long Range Waste Disposal & Recycling Committee continues to be efficient waste practices, over the last year we have found our focus to be more and more directed toward the impact our choices have on the environment. The recycling part of our conversation has taken most of our attention and we have noticed that the concerns we share as a committee seem relevant to many of the members of our community.

Hingham is able to boast about quite a few accomplishments and improvements in waste disposal practices for 2007. The changes at the Transfer Station have allowed for more convenient access to the many forms of recycling now available. Signage at the Transfer Station has improved ease of locating the appropriate place for recyclable materials. And the revised "Rules and Regulations for Recyclable Materials and Household Waste Collected at the Hingham Transfer Facility", now posted at <http://www.hingham-ma.gov> provide clear instructions for town residents. In addition, the town has allocated money to purchase recycling bins for public spaces around town, giving residents the choice to recycle instead of discarding those things that previously would have been called waste. We hope you have begun using the 30 new outdoor recycling bins that are placed alongside waste bins at sports and recreation sites around town, allowing for recycling of all drink containers. Seeking to establish consistency in the message that RECYCLING IS MANDATORY, DPW has purchased new recycling bins that will be available at all large Town events ( 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, Christmas in the Square, etc) to allow for recycling of the large numbers of beverage containers generated at such events.

The LRWDC would like to acknowledge the tremendous steps that have been taken over 2007 by the Hingham Schools to pull recyclables out of the waste stream. All the schools now have systems in place to recycle paper, glass, plastic, and metal containers, ink cartridges, and fluorescent light bulbs. The schools have been supplied with the necessary infrastructure (recycling bins and pick up schedules) to support consistent recycling within their buildings. And the Schools have purchased some of the recycling bins necessary for their many fields/playgrounds. The School system is working with the LRWDC towards the goal of purchasing the additional recycling bins needed to offer a recycling option at all fields and playgrounds in 2008 by seeking funds from local sports groups who use the School and town recreational facilities. With leadership from the School Administration, the Hingham schools are actively including education about recycling and sustainable practices in their curriculums, and in their communication with families. The School Administration now maintains a webpage on their website

providing information about recycling practices in each of the schools and current initiatives aimed at sustainable practices. While the accomplishments in the school system are in line with other areas of town, we are especially optimistic that the impact of these changes will reach beyond the schools themselves. As our school children learn how to live sustainable lives, they will help their families move in similar ways. With new recycling infrastructure in place, education and enforcement efforts are being improved. There were 150 citations issued at the transfer station this year for violations of mandatory recycling laws. First time offenders receive a simple warning. Second time offenders are forced to meet with the DPW to review policies and procedures. Citizens who are cited for a third time are banned from the transfer station for a year and need to apply for reinstatement. Please know the rules, it is your responsibility.

Looking ahead, we can expect to see the landfill capped in the near future with a moving target date of early 2009. As this happens, composting will be interrupted and new arrangements will need to be created. We expect to resolve this over the course of 2008. Additionally, many South Shore towns are adopting Pay As You Throw systems and we feel compelled to visit this conversation and assess the viability for Hingham. In 2007, Hingham recycled 4856 tons of materials representing a 40% recycling rate. At the same time, our disposed waste tonnage went down to 7621 tons from 8769 tons in 2006. We are encouraged by the decrease in trash and increase in recycling rates that happened in 2007, but we also feel a responsibility to consider any and all measures that will help Hingham to become a sustainable community. As always, we are open to your feedback, suggestions and insights. Our committee becomes more effective when you share your vantage point. Feel free to contact us at anytime through our email address: [recycling@hingham-ma.gov](mailto:recycling@hingham-ma.gov)

Patrick S. Durkin  
Marianne MacDonald  
Stacy S. Havens  
Timothy White  
Cheryl Alexander Bierwirth

Mark Hallal  
Brenda Black  
Peter Stathopoulos  
Maureen Devine  
Randy Sylvester, ex officio

- MBTA Advisory Board -

The MBTA Advisory Board provides the mayors and selectmen of the 175 cities and towns of Eastern Massachusetts within the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority with a window on the Authority's transportation plans and activities. It plays a modest and useful role in this regard. The Advisory Board met twice in 2007, with typically about 20% attendance. The Board must approve MBTA budget requests, and is kept informed of capital investment plans, system-wide management and operating issues, including plans for fare increases.

Now that the Greenbush line is in operation, a major concern for South Shore commuters is whether boat service will continue. As of now, MBTA management told the Advisory Board that it will be continued.

Charles Y. Chittick, Jr.  
MBTA Advisory Board Designee



October 31, 2007  
Greenbush Inaugural Train Leaving West Hingham Station  
*Photo by Ginny Gray*

## - Metropolitan Area Planning Council -

Created in 1963, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) promotes inter-local cooperation and advocates for smart growth by working closely with cities and towns, state and federal agencies, non-profit institutions, and community-based organizations in the 101 cities and towns of Metropolitan Boston. MAPC strives to provide leadership on emerging issues of regional significance by conducting research, building coalitions, and acting as a regional forum for action.

MAPC provides technical assistance and specialized services in land use planning, water resources management, transportation, housing, environmental protection, economic development, public safety, geographic information systems (GIS), collective purchasing, data analysis and research, legislative and regulatory policy, and the facilitation and support of inter-local partnerships. More information is available at [www.mapc.org](http://www.mapc.org).

MAPC is governed by 101 municipal government appointees, 21 gubernatorial appointees, and 13 appointees of state and City of Boston agencies. An Executive Committee comprising 25 elected members oversees agency operations. The agency employs approximately 40 professional staff under the leadership of an executive director. Funding for MAPC activities is derived from governmental contracts and foundation grants, and a per-capita assessment on member municipalities.

To better serve the people who live and work in Metro Boston, MAPC has divided the region into eight subregions. Each subregion is overseen by a council of local leaders and stakeholders, and a staff coordinator provides organizational and technical staff support.

### **Advancing Smart Growth**

MAPC's **MetroFuture: Making a Greater Boston Region** initiative is planning for Metro Boston's growth and development through 2030. In 2007, the project involved nearly **1,000 people** (on top of the 4,000 who participated in previous years). MAPC presented the MetroFuture plan at a May 1 Boston College Citizen Seminar, where participants overwhelmingly voted to ratify it and work for its implementation. MAPC is now developing an implementation strategy, addressing public policy, public funding priorities, and changes in practice within the private sector. By mid-2008, MetroFuture will transition from a planning initiative to an advocacy program, uniting the efforts of MAPC, partner organizations, and the thousands of "plan-builders" in an effort to alter regional priorities and growth patterns consistent with the new plan.

As a member of the **Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance**, MAPC helped form the Transportation Investment Coalition. This group of business, environmental, public interest, and planning organizations is pressing for savings, efficiencies, and new revenues to address the state transportation finance deficit. The Alliance joined with others to advocate successfully for an increase in the Commonwealth's Bond Cap, increasing the resources available to address the state's capital needs. Through the Alliance, MAPC is also working to reform the state's arcane zoning laws through a new and diverse commission, chaired by Undersecretary for Economic Development Gregory Bialecki.

MAPC provides planning assistance and expertise to communities on a wide range of issues, helping them envision the future and evaluate alternatives within a smart-growth framework. Residents of Malden are taking a long-range look at their city through the **Malden Vision Project**, which kicked off last year with a city-wide visioning workshop attended by 250 participants. MAPC helped the town of Arlington deal with **housing and economic development** issues with a visioning workshop and resident survey, and helped develop new bylaws and other strategies. MAPC also assisted Walpole and Norfolk in developing and analyzing **alternative growth scenarios** along a shared stretch of Route 1A.

Working with the 495/MetroWest Corridor Partnership, MAPC produced a **WaterSmart Indicators report** that details trends in water supply, wastewater, and stormwater for each city and town in the study area. MAPC also completed **water resource strategies** for three towns in the Assabet Watershed to evaluate the environmental impacts of alternative growth patterns, relying in part on hydrologic modeling conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey.

### **Collaboration for Excellence in Local Government**

Through its **Metro Mayors Coalition**, MAPC helped 21 communities secure over \$2 million in **Shannon Grant funding** over the past two years to implement multi-jurisdictional, multi-disciplinary strategies to combat youth violence, gang violence, and substance abuse. In 2007, Gov. Deval Patrick and more than 240 mayors, police chiefs, safety officials and violence prevention workers participated in the coalition's third annual Community Safety Summit to advance strategies to curb youth violence. Through its newly created North Shore Coalition, MAPC is facilitating discussions to develop a regional, comprehensive mutual aid system.

Cities and towns now have the option of joining the Massachusetts Group Insurance Commission (GIC) with a new law drafted by MAPC and the **Municipal Health Insurance Working Group**. This option will help communities save millions of dollars each year by taking advantage of lower insurance rates available through the GIC. MAPC facilitated the Working Group and helped to build consensus for the proposal. We are now providing technical support to cities, towns, and regional entities who are interested in joining the GIC.

MAPC has convened Boston, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford and Somerville to develop a shared strategy for the **Mystic River corridor**. The river, which runs through dense urban communities, has long been an underutilized asset. The communities will develop a comprehensive picture of activities along the river and will seek to build a shared strategy for future development and use of the waterway.

MAPC collaborated with the Commonwealth's 12 other regional planning agencies, municipal officials and other local leaders to help produce "**A Best Practices Model for Streamlined Local Permitting**." The result of dozens of focus groups and a statewide permitting survey, the document provides an array of recommendations that municipalities can consider to create a more clear, efficient and predictable permitting process without compromising local standards of development review. The guide is available at [www.mass.gov/mpro](http://www.mass.gov/mpro).

### **Collaboration for Public Safety**

MAPC performs fiduciary, planning, and project management duties for the **Northeast Homeland Security Regional Advisory Council** (NERAC), a network of 85 cities and towns north and west of Boston. In 2007, MAPC helped to develop the School Threat Assessment Response System (STARS), an emergency planning toolkit for each school district in the region. With the assistance of MAPC, NERAC provided portable radios programmed for the Boston Area Police Emergency Radio Network, enabling real-time radio communications among police, fire, and other first responders during major emergencies. In the past year, NERAC established an online information clearinghouse for police and fire departments, and began planning for emergency evacuations from a regional perspective. MAPC also helped NERAC to set up 3 regional crime mapping centers that use GIS to visualize crime data through maps.

MAPC completed **Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) plans** for nine communities in 2007, on top of the 20 completed in recent years. Each plan includes an inventory of critical facilities and infrastructure, a vulnerability analysis, and a mitigation strategy with recommended actions. MAPC will continue working with 46 cities and towns in 2008.

## Collaboration for Municipal Savings

MAPC's **Regional Purchasing Consortia** administered six procurements for 42 cities and towns, saving communities up to 20% on purchases such as office supplies, paving services, and road maintenance. Similar savings were realized by the 300 agencies that participate in the **Greater Boston Police Council (GBPC)**, which is administered by MAPC. In fiscal year 2007, MAPC conducted seven procurements for various types of vehicles, including police cruisers and heavy-duty trucks. Overall, 187 municipalities purchased 329 vehicles at an estimated cost of over \$20 million.

## Reliable Data, Available to All

Since its official launch in February, MAPC's **MetroBoston Data Common** online data and mapping tool has been used by dozens of constituents to create customized maps for developing grant applications, analyzing development proposals, or improving services. You can create maps, charts, and graphs on the Data Common by accessing [www.metrobostondatacommon.org](http://www.metrobostondatacommon.org). In addition to supporting this online tool, the Metro Data Center at MAPC responds to **data requests** from member communities, non-profit organizations, businesses, residents, students and other state agencies.

In the past year, MAPC used **visualization tools** that combine GIS technology, photography and graphic design to help increase community awareness about proposed zoning bylaws in Bellingham and Dedham, and to illustrate what different parts of the region would look like under **MetroFuture**.

## Charting a Course to Regional Prosperity

MAPC developed its annual **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy** (CEDS) for the region, in partnership with the US Economic Development Administration. The report contains an analysis of trends and conditions in the regional economy, highlighting challenges and opportunities. The economic analysis in the CEDS is targeted to front-line economic development staff working in the public and community-based sectors.

Working for 12 contiguous urban communities in the Metro Mayors Coalition, MAPC is developing an **inventory of potential development** sites near municipal boundaries to support coordinated planning. MAPC also developed the **Smart Workplace Project**, a GIS map of smart-growth friendly sites for commercial and industrial

development throughout the region. In collaboration with the University of Massachusetts Boston, MAPC is taking a regional look at the **space needs of the life sciences industry**.

Working with the Immigrant Learning Center and the Commonwealth Corporation, MAPC convened academic, institutional and non-profit researchers to develop an **immigration research agenda**.

### **Getting Around the Region**

MAPC produced a **Regional Bicycle Plan**, assessing current conditions and identifying the improvements necessary to create a more comprehensive regional bicycle transportation system. The plan establishes updated goals based on previous plans, and identifies key strategies and priority projects.

Under its new **Regional Bike Parking Program**, MAPC negotiated discount group purchasing contracts with three leading vendors of bicycle parking equipment. This allows MAPC municipalities and other public entities to purchase discounted equipment and, in some cases, to receive state or federal reimbursement for the cost. Communities around the region have used the program to put new racks at schools, libraries, parks, and shopping areas. The program will continue in 2008.

In 2007 MAPC also began work on the **Regional Pedestrian Plan**. This plan will identify policies to make walking a convenient, safe, and practical form of transportation throughout the region. Proposed solutions will include best practices for local jurisdictions as well as steps that could be taken by the state or by the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

MAPC has developed a web-based **Parking Toolkit** that addresses common parking issues. Cities and towns can learn how to do a parking study, how to reduce parking demand and manage supply, how to make use of existing parking, and how to finance parking improvements. The Parking Toolkit is the first in a series of Sustainable Transportation Toolkit products that MAPC will develop over the coming years. Visit <http://transtoolkit.mapc.org> to access these tools.

Large portions of Massachusetts Avenue and Route 2A from Arlington to Concord are now a **Massachusetts Scenic Byway**, due to the efforts of MAPC, the Minuteman National Historic Park, and the towns of Arlington, Lexington, Lincoln, and Concord. MAPC is now preparing a Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan, the first step in protecting the historic, scenic, and cultural qualities of the byway.

In 2007, MAPC worked with developers and communities to evaluate the transportation impacts of dozens of projects, including the South Weymouth Naval Air Station redevelopment (SouthField), Westwood Station, and Harvard University's new Allston campus.

### **On Beacon Hill**

- **Municipal Health Insurance:**  
MAPC and the Municipal Health Insurance Working Group built consensus and drafted the new law allowing cities and towns to save millions of dollars each year by joining the Group Insurance Commission.
- **Shannon Community Safety Initiative:**  
Over the last two years, MAPC's advocacy and grant development services have helped nearly two dozen communities to secure over \$2 million in funding for interdisciplinary programs that focus on youth violence, drugs, and enforcement against gangs.
- **Statewide Population Estimates Program:**  
A \$600,000 line item in the 2008 budget will provide the State Estimates Program with more resources to prepare for the 2010 Census. This program will help correct the deficiencies of recent population estimates and to prevent similar deficiencies from occurring in 2010.
- **Surplus Land:**  
MAPC continues to advocate for passage of a new policy on the disposition of surplus state land. Specifically, we continue to build support for our proposal that encourages smart growth development on surplus land while giving municipalities a meaningful role throughout the disposition process.
- **Community Preservation Act:**  
In 2007, the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition and Community Preservation Coalition reached consensus around legislation to help more communities participate in the Community Preservation Act (CPA). The legislation, filed by Senator Cynthia Creem (D-Newton), would also secure adequate funding over the long term for the state's CPA matching fund.
- **Zoning Reform:**  
The new zoning reform commission, initiated by the Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance and chaired by Undersecretary for Economic Development Greg Bialecki, is now

working to draft legislation dealing with such matters as “approval not required,” grandfathering, consistency between master plans and zoning, and incentives to expand housing production.

### **South Shore Coalition**

In 2007, the South Shore Coalition (SSC), one of the eight subregions of MAPC, met on a monthly basis to discuss issues of mutual interest and to learn about MAPC activities and products. The SSC includes municipal representatives from the following communities: Braintree, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Rockland, Scituate, and Weymouth.

During 2007, SSC meetings addressed the following regional transportation issues, through presentations or discussions: subregional representation in the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Unified Planning Work Program, Transportation Improvement Program priorities, suburban mobility funding opportunities, and bicycle and pedestrian mobility in town centers. Meeting topics also included stormwater control bylaws, Chapter 43D expedited permitting, the Massachusetts Oceans Act, the MetroBoston DataCommon and municipal energy – renewable power and energy efficiency. The SSC participants were also involved with giving continuing feedback to MAPC on MetroFuture, the regional plan for the greater Boston region.

The MAPC Annual Report is respectfully submitted by Marc D. Draisen, Executive Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

- Hingham Memorial Bell Tower -

During the year 2007, visitors from England came to ring and visit the Memorial Bell Tower. Visitors from the surrounding towns and local residents make frequent visits to the Tower. Many climb up to where the bells are housed and are quite amazed at the sight. They are anxious to try their hand at ringing and totally enjoy the experience.

On January 31, the Memorial Bell Tower Bell Ringers rang for the 325th anniversary of the Old Ship Church. On October 13, the Bell Tower Ringers were asked to ring and conduct a tour of the Bell Tower prior to the Hingham Cemetery Tour. It was a very successful event.

The bells are rung every year for Christmas in the Square attracting shoppers for a tour of the Tower.

Each year we make the necessary repairs to maintain the preservation of the tower for future generations.

We are very fortunate to have two new bell ringers joining our ringing group.

The Bell Tower Committee members would like to extend a welcome to all visitors and especially encourage potential ringers to the Tower. Having this bell tower in Hingham is an asset to the town. It would be very unfortunate if ringing had to stop because of the lack of ringers. We ring the bells on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Please join us on Tuesday evenings.

Kenneth W. Drescher  
Joan R. Getto  
Michael Shilhan  
John McKendry  
Shirley Newsom

Pete Shaw  
Betty Shaw  
Nancy Stimson  
Justine Thurston  
Dorcas Wagner

## - Open Space Acquisition Committee -

The Open Space Acquisition Committee, established by Article 15 of the 1997 Town Meeting, is comprised of five members, three appointed by the Conservation Commission and one each by the Planning Board and the Selectmen. With assistance from Conservation Officer Cliff Prentiss, the Committee evaluates opportunities for the acquisition and protection of open space parcels against a number of criteria, including whether the Town's acquisition of the parcel would (i) help preserve Hingham's character, (ii) protect Hingham's water resources, (iii) abut or link up existing conservation lands, (iv) provide public access for walking, biking or other passive recreation, (v) preserve or enhance distinctive streetscapes, views or vistas, or (vi) preserve important wildlife or vegetation habitat. When appropriate, the Committee negotiates the terms and conditions for the Town's acquisition of the parcel for presentation to the Community Preservation Committee and Town Meeting. Since the Town's adoption of the Community Preservation Act in 2001, the Town's Community Preservation fund, composed of a 1.5% surtax on Town property taxes and state matching grants, has the principal source of funding for the Town's acquisitions of open space.

The Committee was instrumental in the Town's acquisition of the 17.5-acre parcel known as "Schultz's Field" near the golf driving range in 2003 and approximately six acres of relatively rare open wetlands and emergent marshlands off Downer Avenue near Foster School in 2004, and assisted in the Town's acquisition of the house and 3.88-acre lot off the southern end of Scotland Street approved at the 2006 annual Town Meeting. The house is used by the Hingham Housing Authority for affordable housing, and the excess land was added to the surrounding McKenna Marsh conservation land owned by the Conservation Commission.

The Committee was disappointed with the 2007 Town Meeting's failure to approve its article, recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the Town's acquisition of a four acre parcel behind 667 Main Street and bordering on the Crooked Meadow River.

As of the writing of this report, the Community Preservation Committee has under consideration the Open Space Committee's proposed acquisition of a 3.3-acre parcel on Rockland Street abutting the Weir River salt marshes, - one of the parcels included in the Weir River Estuary Park Committee's Land Protection Plan, and is pursuing other possible open space acquisition opportunities.

The Committee is grateful for the invaluable engineering and land planning skills and sound advice of Rod Gaskell, who has left the

Committee due to the press of other responsibilities, and welcomes his replacement, James Morris.

John L. Davenport, Chair  
Susan Berry  
James Morris

Michael Pollard  
Peter Rosen



Quilters Jennifer Chapman, Anne MacDonald, Betty Potter, Edna McLeod  
at the Senior Center's "A Celebration of the Arts"

*Photo by Betty Tower*

## - Plymouth County Cooperative Extension -

The role of Plymouth County Cooperative Extension is to deliver research-based information to Plymouth County residents through non-formal methods. The Plymouth County Extension staff work in concert with UMass Amherst Faculty and Extension staff on behalf of Plymouth County residents, UMass Extension and the United States Department of Agriculture, to provide valuable information in Extension's four major program areas: Agriculture and Landscape; 4-H Youth and Family Development; Nutrition Education; and Natural Resources & Environmental Conservation. The Extension System is supported by County, Federal and State funds, and operates under Federal and State laws and agreements. Local citizens, appointed by the Plymouth County Commissioners, serve as Plymouth County Cooperative Extension Trustees, directing the overall program. Volunteer advisory groups work with Extension staff on developing programs.

Cooperative Extension resources and programs for Plymouth County residents include: sustainable garden lectures, fruit pruning demonstrations; research, information and educational programs on pests like the winter moth caterpillar; pesticide applicator training & licensing exams; the annual UMass Extension Garden Calendar; landscape and horticultural training and resources for municipal employees and green industry professionals; 4-H Science and Technology workshops; accredited overnight 4-H summer camps; 4-H animal science summer day workshops; 4-H Life Skills Training. New research findings are translated into practical applications and shared with residents and communities through workshops, conferences, field demonstrations, radio and television, local libraries, technical assistance, and newspaper articles. Publications such as newsletters, booklets, and fact sheets bring information directly to those who need it. Additional information is delivered through office visits, phone calls, and UMass-Amherst Extension web access [www.umassextension.org](http://www.umassextension.org).

The Plymouth County Extension office is located at 266 High St., P.O. Box 658, Hanson MA 02341 (781-293-3541; 781-447-5946) [plyctyext@mindspring.com](mailto:plyctyext@mindspring.com). Regional Extension programs are often conducted in Southeastern Massachusetts. UMass Extension also operates the Cranberry Experiment Research Station, located in Wareham and the Nutrition Education Program, located in Brockton.

Debra L. Corrow, Executive Assistant  
Marjorie Mahoney, Hingham Trustee  
Jeffrey Welch, Chairman, Plymouth County Commissioners, Abington

- Public Library -

By all statistical measures 2007 was a very successful one for the library. Annual Reports are generally replete with statistics, and we would be remiss if we didn't share our Fiscal Year 07 figures with you.

Items loaned	432,384
Items loaned to non-residents	112,484
Interlibrary loans provided	61,464
Interlibrary loans received	44,265
Estimated visits	281,800
Registered borrowers-Total	15,101
Registered borrowers-Hingham	14,674
Research questions answered	5,339
Hours open	2,713
Sundays open	28
Meetings hosted [large meeting rooms]	362
Library-sponsored event attendance	7,175
Art shows	27
Displays and exhibits	18
Volunteers	75
Volunteer hours	4,528
Holdings	168,000
Annual acquisitions	17,014
Library website "hits" [hinghamlibrary.org]	872,781

The Reference Department responded to more than 5,000 requests for information. In addition to print resources, the Library continued to focus on web-based reference material, this year adding a collection of literary criticism to the many databases already a part of the collection. Most of the databases can be accessed both at the Library and at home, so the information they contain is available at any time and on any day.

Adult programming in 2007 included eight "Evenings with the Author"; a three-part scholar-led film and discussion series on the making of modern Ireland; a "Favorite Poem" program; in-depth programs on the restoration of commuter rail on the South Shore and another on Boston's "Big Dig"; the Library also initiated a public policy discussion group run under the aegis of the National Issues Forums. Topics included immigration, energy policy and re-connecting the public to democratic institutions. A new series is expected to begin in early 2008. Additionally, the Reference Department offered a series of computer instruction workshops covering topics such as "Introduction to Windows", use of email and the Internet, and using library databases for genealogical searches.

In 2007 the "Joan Gasparello Memorial Lecture Series" launched with great success. Through the generous support of the Gasparello family author James Carroll spoke to a standing-room audience at Hingham's Derby Academy about the war in Iraq. A second lecture presented author and environmentalist William McKibben speaking about global warming. The series honors the late Joan R. Gasparello, a leading member of the Library Friends group in the 1960s and 1970s.

The Library's Audiovisual Department continued its popular series of independent films. This Department continues to grow and thrive, attracting a core of dedicated patrons from within Town and all across the South Shore. Today, approximately 15% of our 168,000 holdings are audiovisual materials. The "Sunday Sounds Special" series of classical guitar concerts has never had better attendance in its 10 year history. The Library and Boston Classical Guitar Society issued a new CD featuring series performers in commemoration of the ten-year association. The CD is being sold as a fund-raiser to partially underwrite the series' operating costs. The Library is very appreciative of series coordinator George Ward's ten years of dedication to making the series one of our premier cultural offerings. The Library's foray into downloadable audio books has produced mediocre results and the HPL operated service has been halted for further evaluation. The new offering was plagued by issues with digital player compatibility and on-going strong demand for the traditional CD media. The Old Colony Library Network continues to offer downloadable audio through its "Overdrive" service. Realistically, however, the downloadable approach to audio books and eventually music is the wave of the future. Once device compatibility and industry licensing issues are resolved, downloadable audio books and music will become very popular services offered by HPL.

The Children's and Young Adult Department serves young people from birth through approximately 14 years of age. It also offers numerous resources to parents, teachers, caregivers, and children's literature enthusiasts. The Children's Circulation Desk is staffed whenever the Library is open. During the summer, high school age youth may volunteer to assist with our summer reading program. Youth who are interested in summer volunteer opportunities may pick up an application beginning April, 2008. This year's Summer Reading Program had 528 enrollees and event attendance of over 1,200.

Not all of the Library's achievements are as visible as those of our public service departments. The Cataloging Department, while understaffed, did its best to keep the flow of new materials moving to the shelves in a timely way. The Department continued to oversee the removal of outdated items from the collection and to maintain high standards for

entering records in the Old Colony Library Network database. In the last calendar year, the Library added 17,014 volumes of books and audio-visual items to the collection. This included purchased titles and gift books.

The Library staff deserves commendation for its dedication to making the Hingham Public Library one of the Commonwealth's finest. Team-work and good customer service are the hallmarks of our staff. Volunteers also gave 4,528 hours of service in support of the Library including the operation of a very successful used book store and home delivery. Without their help our Library would be greatly diminished.

As 2007 closed, the Library was preparing to install a new work of sculpture at its entrance. The sculpture created by internationally-known sculptor Susan Luery is a gift to the Library from Hingham residents Pat and Jim McAllen. The MacAllen family has a four-generation association with Hingham and its public library. The sculpture is dedicated to the memory of "Thelma and William MacAllen and their love of Hingham". The MacAllens selected the Hingham Public Library for their gift because they believe "the Library fosters a celebration and love of reading that can be shared by parents and their children throughout their lives". The sculpture portraying a mother and daughter engaged in reading will be dedicated in January, 2008. Trustee Arthur Garrity is owed a debt of gratitude for coordinating this successful effort.

The Library's New Century Fund received gifts in the amount of \$44,766 from local donors. These donations helped the Library meet its State Aid to Libraries certification and insured the arrival of new books throughout the year. Board President Charles Abbott and Trustee Edna English organized and lead this successful annual fund drive. Donations large or small to the New Century Fund are always welcome.

HPL's achievements wouldn't be possible without the strong support of the entire community. Local taxpayers provide the lion's share of HPL's funding. The balance of our funding comes from the Library's endowment, fees, donations and State Library Aid. Without all of these funding sources working together, it would be impossible to provide the extensive resources our community has come to value and expect. Thanks to all. Your generosity and on-going support is appreciated.

The Library successfully negotiated the warranty replacement of the roof over the children's wing of the building. The failed roof was approximately 13 years into a 15 year warranty when the manufacturer agreed to the replacement. There was no charge for this work valued at over \$208,500. At the close of 2007 repairs to the original Library's roof also were nearing completion, giving cause for guarded optimism about

extending this roof's useful life by six to seven years. The original Library building roof is 22 years old.

Several notes of appreciation and recognition are in order. To Joan Newell for her dedicated service as our Volunteer Coordinator; to the Garden Club of Hingham for its time, effort and assistance with landscape maintenance and floral displays in the Library. To the North River Arts Society for providing approximately half of the Dolphin Gallery art shows. To recent retirees Maureen Taylor, Mary Ellen Cadieux, and Margaret Morrison who gave many years of loyal and excellent service to the Library and its public. We wish them well and good health in their retirement. Congratulations to Joanna Sands of our Children's Department on her appointment as Librarian at Archbishop Williams High School in Braintree, MA. We welcome Joan Allen as the Library's Business Office new Administrative Assistant.

Dennis R. Corcoran  
Library Director



Sculpture by Susan Luery. Gift of Pat and Jim MacAllen  
*Photo by Ed Boylan*

- Hingham Public Schools -

As of October 1, 2007, there were 3783 students enrolled in grades K-12 in the Hingham Public Schools, an increase of 59 students over October 1, 2006. In addition, the district had responsibility for funding and/or programming for 67 pre-school students in the integrated program, 56 out-of-district students (special education), and 2 vocational students.

The 2006 Town Meeting-funded School Building Committee continued its work on full design for the proposed new school at the former East School site. During 2007, activities included meetings with abutters and the various Town Boards and with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). The new school project was identified by the MSBA for consideration in its first funding cycle. Current plans, pending project scope approval by the MSBA call for a March 2008 Special Town Meeting and debt exclusion ballot.

The 2007 Town Election saw Caryl Falvey elected as a new member of the School Committee, replacing Kristin Parnell. Steve Nagle and Chrisanne Gregoire were re-elected to the Committee, and Chrisanne Gregoire was re-elected as Chair in May 2007.

The operating budget for fiscal year 2008 (school year 2007-2008) was approved in April 2007 at \$33,539,594, an increase of 6.1% over the prior year. A capital budget of \$494,250 included \$150,000 for technology upgrades and replacements, and \$50,000 for needed furnishings and equipment. The remaining \$294,250 was allocated to items such as ongoing carpet replacement at Foster and South, additional engineering study for new bleachers and field relocation at the high school, photocopier replacement, installation of a front door security camera at the high school, purchase of a wheelchair accessible van, and purchase of formerly leased special education vans. New initiatives in the operating budget for Fall 2007 included funding for the second phase of the elementary mathematics adoption, the expansion of Spanish to grades 3-5, an additional special education teacher at the middle school and for an integrated full day kindergarten class at Foster, and some enrollment related staffing and expansion of the athletic program at the high school.

Elementary curriculum revisions and adoptions continued in 2007. The Everyday Math program was implemented in grade 4 in the fall of 2007, and the adoption will continue in grade 5 in 2008. The first phase of a three-year music text adoption for grade 2 was implemented in the fall of 2007, with grades 3 and 4 proposed for 2008 and kindergarten and grade 5 for 2009. New grade 5 science texts were piloted beginning in the fall of 2007, with an adoption of one of the texts planned for 2008.

Spring 2007 MCAS test results released last fall again indicated that Hingham students continue to perform above state averages across the grade spectrum. The percentage of Hingham students scoring at the proficient and advanced levels increased in grade 3 math, grade 4 English/Language Arts, grade 5 ELA, math and science, grade 6 ELA and math, grade 7 ELA and grade 8 math. Nevertheless, Hingham Middle School was cited as a school "in need of improvement" because of the performance of one subgroup in mathematics. The required improvement plan has been written. Ninety-seven percent of grade 10 students passed both the ELA and mathematics MCAS, with 43% scoring at the advanced level in ELA and 58% scoring at the advanced level in math. All members of the Class of 2007 passed both the ELA and math MCAS required for graduation and received a state certified high school diploma.

HHS was cited for excellence by two independent sources. The Massachusetts Department of Education named HHS a Compass School based upon student performance and achievement on the tenth grade MCAS. HHS also received a silver medal from *U.S. News and World Report* in their first annual list of America's best high schools. That award was based upon standardized test performance, proficiency rates for all students, and the offering of a challenging college curriculum.

On June 2, 2007, 254 students graduated from Hingham High School. Academic accomplishments of the HHS Class of 2007 include: three National Merit semifinalists, 15 NM commended students, 59 Advanced Placement Scholars, and 59 members inducted into the National Honor Society. At the eighth annual Senior Awards Night, 222 members of the Class of 2007 were honored. Over \$275,000 in local scholarship money was awarded to these graduates. Myriad awards were also presented in recognition of students' outstanding performance in academic areas or a student's involvement in school organizations.

A team of educators representing the New England Association of Schools and Colleges spent four days at HHS in October conducting the decennial re-accreditation of the school. The purpose of this evaluation visit was to review and determine from an outside professional viewpoint the extent to which the school is meeting the NEASC Standards for Accreditation. As part of the evaluation, the visiting committee met with all school constituents, reviewed the school's self-study, visited a number of classes, and examined examples of student work submitted by the school.

Athletics remain an important part of the Hingham High School program. Approximately 68% of all students participate in at least one interscholastic sport, and team records were impressive again in 2007.

Four state titles include boys winter track (Division III state title and the relay state title in February) and girls spring track (Division III state title and the relay state title in June). Four fall teams were undefeated champions in the Patriot League: girls and boys cross country, field hockey, and football. The 2007 football team had a 10–1 record; they were undefeated in the Patriot League and qualified for the Super Bowl for the third time in the last four years. Winter season had two Patriot League champions: boys and girls indoor track. In the spring, HHS claimed four Patriot League titles: girls and boys spring track and girls and boys tennis.

Thanks to a grant from the Hingham Education Foundation, Hingham Middle School has received three new interactive white boards. Each of the grade six teams and one social studies classroom are currently using these SMART Boards. This technology allows teachers to integrate the Internet, computer software, and student/teacher generated work into an interactive display panel. The research has demonstrated that the use of this technology leads to better student learning.

The student population continues to grow at the middle school. In partnership with the School Building Committee, and the Long Range Planning Committee, the school has proposed modular classrooms as a temporary solution to the overcrowding. Longer term plans include future collaboration with the Massachusetts School Building Authority on a needed expansion and major renovation of HMS.

In late 2007, a team of five HMS teachers attended the Annual Meeting of the National Middle School Conference in Houston, Texas. The Middle School PTO provided funds to fly teachers to this conference where the teachers attended three days of professional development activities, including the opportunity to hear keynote speeches from nationally recognized educational leaders.

The middle school is in the last year of a three-year grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts to help prevent teenage obesity. The “Jump Up and Go” grant money is being used to educate students about the benefits of healthy eating and physical activity. Funding has provided for teacher training and for supervision and instruction for after school student activities.

Connection: Building Responsible Learners is the Foster School theme cited in the 2007 School Council Improvement Plan. Literacy, math, responsibility, service, diversity, and conservation are the core elements of the plan.

The first annual Foster School Literacy Night was a great success as almost 200 people gathered together to listen to community members reading stories, enjoy cookies and milk, and recite the "Reader's Oath." Foster School continued its celebration of literacy through 2007 Summer Fun Days, where students returned to school listing the books they read, and sharing written details about the books. More than 40% of the students participated and were recognized with special certificates and recess.

The combined efforts of the Hingham Education Foundation and the Foster PTO enabled the purchase of a wireless mobile computer lab. The instructional focus for these ten laptops is mathematics and music.

Foster continued its commitment to service in 2007, with a total of \$23,430.76 now having been donated to UNICEF since the school's participation in the program began. Also, more than 600 coats for families in need have been donated in the last two years. Foster maintained its weekly donations to the local Food Pantry and supported the Walk for Autism and the Jimmy Fund.

Plymouth River School continued to struggle with a shortage of classroom, small group instruction, specialist, and teacher planning spaces. The school's administration and School Council collaborated with architects from Ai3 to prepare a design plan and identify renovations that will be part of a Special Town Meeting funding package. The plan calls for a new computer lab, additional special education instructional space, an art room, an enlarged OT and PT space, and conference room.

Plymouth River School continued to work on refinement of the early literacy program and on early identification of at risk readers. The adoption of the Everyday Math program and the continued implementation of a school-wide enrichment program in mathematics were also major areas of focus in 2007. Through its partnership with Holly Hill Farm, science workshops were provided for teachers on organic gardening and how to integrate this theme into the Soils unit in second grade and the Plant Growth and Development unit in fourth grade. In September the PRS Children's Garden was changed to raised beds, with each second grade classroom being assigned a bed for planting, maintenance, and observation.

The PRS school theme for the 2007-2008 school year is *Thinking Green*. Every week a "green question" has been provided at *All School Meeting* for children to research. Grade level themes include habitat protectors, recycling, composting and organic gardening, water use, energy alternatives, and climate change.

The school adjustment counselor at PRS initiated an anti-bullying program entitled, Bully Busters. The goal of the program was to raise student and parent awareness to the problem of bullying within our school and society. The program with its homework component generated a healthy dialogue between children and parents about bullying. Classroom instruction included two successive lessons that focused upon bullying identification and response as either a target or witness. Videos and a variety of literature were provided to teachers to integrate with the lessons.

South School reestablished its China connection in 2007 by "Building Bridges to Friendship" with their sister school, the Chao Tian School in Guangzhou. Dorothy Tarzia and Gayle Hermance, fourth grade teachers, and Principal Cheryl Edgar visited China with the Primary Source Organization. Their trips were partially funded by the Hingham Education Foundation. A visit to Chao Tian School was a highlight of the trip. In July 2007, music students from the Choa Tian School visited South School and entertained invited guests with traditional Chinese song, dance, and orchestra performances. Principal Lee and Principal Edgar remain committed to strengthening this bond.

Through the fundraising efforts of South's PTO, a new preschool playground was added to the existing playground.

South School's "Response to Intervention" program began in kindergarten in 2006-2007 and extended to grade 1 in Fall 2007. Data driven instruction using DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Elementary Literacy Skills) assessment data has proved effective in identifying and meeting the needs of at risk learners.

In fall of 2007, South School faculty volunteered to work with Ai3 architects to forward the design of the proposed new school. Their input was invaluable in providing an educator perspective to enhance the functionality of the building, particularly for specialized spaces.

South School Principal Cheryl Edgar has announced her retirement for the end of the 2007-2008 school year.

During 2007, the Hingham Public Schools continued to move forward, with the support of parents, community groups, and civic organizations. Progress in realizing the district's stated mission, and the many other goals that are established annually by the administration, was again both visible and measurable in 2007. The School Department and the School Committee appreciate the level of community support that has marked another year of sound educational practice, demonstrated academic

progress, and meaningful programs and activities for the youth of Hingham.

DOROTHY GALO  
Superintendent of Schools

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Chrisanne Gregoire, Chair  
Christine Smith, Vice-Chair  
Barbara Cook, Secretary

Linda Hill  
Steve Nagle  
Esther Healey  
Caryl Falvey



Town Clerk Eileen McCracken, Sewer Commissioner Michael Salerno,  
Fire Chief Mark Duff, Treasurer Jean Montgomery  
*Photo by Liz MacVarish*

- Public Works Building Committee -

The April 2002 Town Meeting established the Public Works Building Committee (the "Committee"). The Committee was authorized to plan, design and construct a Project on the Town owned property known as the School Depot Parcel and the Bare Cove Parcel. The Bare Cove Parcel is not part of Bare Cove Park. The Project involves the development of a new consolidated facility for the DPW and the development of four new athletic fields. At the April 2003 Town Meeting, funding was authorized to allow the Committee to contract with the design engineer, Gale Associates, Inc. for the design of the Project. At the Town Meetings for 2004 and 2005, the Town approved additional funding to allow the design of the Project to proceed and to fund a small portion of the construction. At Town Meeting in 2006, the Town approved construction funding.

By 2006, the Committee had obtained the necessary permits from the Conservation Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals, to allow the Project to proceed into final design. An abutter filed a lawsuit, which held up the Project for approximately one year. That lawsuit was resolved in the Fall of 2007, after which the Committee commenced site clearing, rough grading, and removal of contaminated materials at the site. The Committee is in the process of completing final engineering plans and receiving bids for various components of the Project. The Committee expects that construction will be fully underway by the Spring of 2008.

Robert P. Garrity, Chairman  
John Bailey  
Robert Bucey  
Edward Colbert  
George Ullrich  
Brian McSweeney  
Karl Willner

## - Recreation Commission -

It is with great pleasure that the report of the Recreation Commission is submitted to the residents of Hingham for the calendar year 2007.

The Recreation Commission is a five member elected board responsible for the oversight of the Recreation Department. The mission of the Recreation Commission is "to provide high quality, affordable recreation programs as well as maintain safe and accessible fields and facilities throughout the Hingham Community. Our program offerings will strive to assist all Hingham Residents in enhancing their physical, social and emotional well-being".

During 2007, the Recreation Department continued to expand program offerings to include a broad variety of recreation and leisure services for residents of all ages, interests and abilities and to improve the facilities.

The demand for the Summer Playground and Preschool Programs has for years exceeded the capacity. Sadly, children were excluded from participation and parents have had to deal with wait lists with little or no hope of placement. A lottery system is equally fair to all residents.

The goal to provide every child a summer recreation experience was achieved by restructuring the program. With the support of Dr. Galo and the Hingham School Department, the Preschool program was relocated to the Plymouth River Elementary School allowing for the expansion in enrollment in both programs. Everyone participating in the lottery was placed in their first choice session. Families requesting additional sessions and who registered after the lottery were also accommodated. In consideration of working parents, Children After Playground "CAP" was initiated to extend the summer fun until 5PM each day. A new Leaders In Training program was started to attract 14 and 15 year old teens to the Recreation Department Summer Programs.

The Recreation Department attempts to complement existing programs and services already provided within the community. In addition to the programs historically offered by the Recreation Department a variety of new programs and special events were offered.

Open Rec is an opportunity for children who are at least 8 years of age to enjoy unstructured free playtime daily from 3 – 6 pm including weekends and most holidays. Open Rec affords the children a safe and supervised atmosphere to socialize with their friends and peers. Due to a lack of attendance, Open Rec hours in the gymnasium were cut back in order to utilize the gymnasium for a variety of after school programs including basketball, cheerleading, gymnastics, indoor soccer and a

variety of youth fitness programs. These afterschool programs have been tremendously successful as evidenced by the large number of participants. Open Rec is available every day, including weekends and holidays from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM in the Game Room and in the Gymnasium weekends and when rec programs are not in session.

Consisting of a gymnasium, arcade game room, preschool room, program room and the Fitness Room, the Recreation Center is a multi generational facility. The Recreation Center also includes outdoor soccer and baseball fields, basketball and volleyball courts, playgrounds, tennis courts and a roller rink as well as the East Street Skating Pond. The Recreation Center is open and available for the community to utilize on a daily basis.

Membership in the Fitness Room is available to residents and employees of the Town of Hingham who are at least 18 years of age. The Fitness Room contains a full complement of weight training and cardiovascular equipment offering residents a relaxed, low-key atmosphere in which to train. Childcare is available for members weekdays when school is in session (for an additional fee). The membership fees cover the cost of operation. Excess of revenues over expenditures are used to improve the facility. New equipment purchased this year include 2 treadmills, 2 stationary bikes, 1 recumbant bike, medicine balls and anti-burst balance balls. The year ended with a bang when the carpeting was replaced with a bright and cheery "Hingham red" in late November.

The Recreation Department's accumulated net deficit in the revolving fund was \$77,754.13 as of June 30, 2006. Changes in departmental administration, financial and cash management procedures have resulted in the elimination of this deficit. The status of operations reports for prior fiscal years show the department in the black for the first time since June 30, 2003. The financial success of the department is evidenced in the FY09 Operating Budget where \$4,000 in expenses were eliminated by the department. In addition, the Salaries line item for Overtime / Straight Time, having been reduced \$2,000 in FY08, was further reduced by another \$2,500 for FY09. These expenses will now be funded through the program fees administered through the Recreation Department's Revolving Fund.

Sincere appreciation is extended to Commissioner Cheryl Alexander Bierwirth who chose not seek reelection to the Commission. Appreciation is also extended to Commissioner Kristin Parnell who, due to increased professional commitments, was unable to complete the last few months of her term. Commissioners Bierwirth and Parnell are to be congratulated on their years of dedication and service. Their efforts to

identify and satisfy the recreational needs of the residents has made a significant and positive impact on the community.

The Recreation Department continued its effort to develop relationships with and working cooperatively with other Town Departments and organizations. The result of this cooperative effort is expanded programs, improved facilities and an overall increase in the quality of recreation and leisure opportunities that are better serving the community. The Recreation Department extends gratitude to the many individuals, school and sports groups, civic and business organizations, town boards, committees and departments who have lent their support and assistance in our efforts to best serve the recreational needs of the community. Special appreciation is extended to the DPW, School, Police and Fire Departments as well as the Town Administrator and Finance Director. While too numerous to mention individually, none are forgotten and all are sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Jones, Chairman  
Budd Thorne, Vice-Chair  
Bob Keyes, Secretary  
Tom Campbell  
Scott Bosworth  
Kathleen Clarkeson, Director  
Mark Thorell, Program Manager

- Scholarship Fund Committee -

The Scholarship Committee is charged to invest the assets of Hingham's scholarship fund. Scholarship fund assets for the year ending 2007 totaled \$3,416,686 compared to \$3,297,746 at year-end 2006, an overall increase of 3.6%, which represents investment returns plus capital additions and withdrawals. During 2007 markets were positive: The Standard and Poor's 500 index was up 5.54% for the year, The Lehman Brothers Aggregate Bond index was up 6.97%, and three month U.S. Treasury Bills returned an average 4.74%.

Income from the fund provided scholarships to 184 students who graduated from Hingham High School in June 2007, totaling \$160,000 (In 2006, 161 students received awards totaling \$151,000). The Town of Hingham authorized this program in 1975 and in the intervening years a total of over \$1.6 million has been awarded to college bound Hingham High School students.

At the beginning of 2007, the fund was structured with about 74% of its assets in equity securities and about 26% in bonds and money market instruments. The fund's current asset mix is: 69% equity / 31% bonds and money market. The committee feels that a large proportional exposure to stocks is justified given the perpetual nature of the fund.

During 2007, the committee continued to implement the guidelines set forth in The Investment Policy Statement for The Scholarship Fund, which was formalized in 2005. New investments included a rebalance of 10% portfolio into international equities, intended to diversify risk.

The fund received new contributions from citizens and friends of the Town of Hingham during the year of \$23,312. Two new scholarships were established during 2007: the Samantha Hooper Memorial and the Cynthia Steven Scholarship. The Committee welcomes continued contributions to the fund in whatever amounts, however, a minimum of \$2,500 is needed to establish a separately named scholarship. For contributions less than the minimum the Hingham Scholarship Memorial Fund has been established.

The members of the committee volunteer their time and are listed below. It must be noted that the committee could not properly function without the efforts of the professional employees of the Town of Hingham; in particular Nancy Leahy of the Treasurer's office who handles the many administrative details involved with donations and distributions throughout the year.

Lisa Virello, Chairman  
Jean Montgomery, Treasurer  
Scott D. Peterson, Clerk  
Francis Gaul  
James MacAllen  
Thomas Hagstrom  
Roger Nastou  
Kurt Weisenbeck  
Matthew Welch

- 2006 School Building Committee -

The School Building Committee continued its work in the development of the ten year school master plan focusing on the completion of the design of a new 630 student elementary school to be located on the site of the former East School and the further development of proposed renovations and improvements to Plymouth River and Foster Elementary Schools. During 2007, the Committee and the school administration spent a considerable amount of time working with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), the state agency created by the Legislature in 2004 to oversee a revamped state funding program. "Statements of Interest", the initial step in the state grant process, were submitted to the MSBA in 2006 for four of Hingham's schools. The problems associated with overcrowding were identified at Plymouth River, Foster, South Schools and Hingham Middle School. In addition, problems associated with age and obsolescence were identified in the statements of interest for Plymouth River, Foster and Hingham Middle School.

The new state program began its review of 423 statements of interest from 162 school districts in July 2007. In August, the MSBA requested every community who had submitted statements of interest to identify its highest priority school building project. The Building Committee and School Committee agreed that Hingham's most pressing need was to address the problem of overcrowding at the pre-k to grade 8 levels. The MSBA was notified that construction of a new elementary school was Hingham's highest priority. After a number of visits to Hingham by MSBA staff and its team of consulting school planners and engineers during the spring, summer and fall of 2007, the MSBA staff concluded that Hingham's need for a new school was warranted and Hingham's project was among the first to go before the new MSBA Board for approval to advance to a "project scope and budget review" in late November. Only six other school projects were ranked in this category. With this good news and the continued goal of opening the new school

in September 2009, the Building Committee immediately embarked on the lengthy procurement process for the construction of the new school. The budget for the new school was established at \$ 26,565,00 with state reimbursement expected at or above 40%. The Committee also worked closely with the School Committee, Board of Selectmen and Advisory Committee to schedule a Special Town Meeting and a debt exclusion ballot vote in early 2008 to seek local approval for the first phase of the ten year school facility master plan.

The School Building Committee is pleased that the new elementary school and the renovations and improvements to Plymouth River School and Foster School are on track for completion in September 2009. The Committee looks forward to overseeing these projects and to developing a permanent solution for the problem of overcrowding and age at the Hingham Middle School.

Alan Macdonald, Chair  
Tim Collins, Vice Chair  
Steve Nagle, Secretary  
Samantha Anderson  
Peter Bradley  
Sandra Cleary  
Stefan Vogelmann



Future Elementary School on East School Site

## - South Shore Recycling Cooperative -

The South Shore Recycling Cooperative (SSRC) is a voluntary association of fifteen South Shore towns established by Intermunicipal Agreement and Special Legislation in 1998. Members of the SSRC are: **Abington, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull (Jan-Jun), Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Plymouth, Rockland, Scituate, Weymouth, and Whitman.**

Representatives from each member town are appointed by the Selectboard or Mayor.

The mission of the SSRC is: "to provide a forum of cooperative management of solid waste by members, to assist each member Town to improve the cost-effectiveness of their recycling efforts by providing economy of scale while maintaining full control over solid waste management; to assist members to improve programs to divert waste materials from the waste stream and to reduce the amount and toxicity of wastes; and to provide such assistance on an individual basis to each member Town and cooperatively in joint programs with other Towns."

Since 1998, each member town has paid an annual membership fee of \$4,000. In 2007 the SSRC raised **\$60,000** through these fees, which were supplemented with **\$3,977** in grants and sponsorships from MassDEP, Covanta at SEMASS, Bay State Textiles, and Got Books. Those funds pay for the services of the Executive Director and support solid waste and recycling activities during the year to benefit member towns. The SSRC estimates that in 2007 these activities **saved member towns an estimated \$173,400**, and provided **234 hours** of direct services to the towns.

### **MATERIALS MANAGEMENT**

#### **Household Hazardous Product Collections**

The SSRC extended its contract for the collection and disposal of **household hazardous products** with **Clean Harbors**, Member Towns paid about **26% less** than the State contract rates, and avoided the administrative time to bid, schedule and publicize them. **2,555 residents** attended the fifteen collections held in 2007, and Member Towns saved **\$44,000** for this service. The contract also enabled **110 residents and businesses** to attend other Member Towns' collections using the **reciprocal arrangement**, which is administered by the Executive Director. The SSRC advertised the events with several thousand **flyers** delivered to the town halls and libraries, and ongoing press releases in all **local papers, on cable TV and the radio**. The Executive Director attended and helped run twelve of the collections, handed out paint stirrers with cost saving instructions on latex paint

disposal, provided signs, calculated the **proper billing** for the vendor to ensure that discounts and allowances were credited and visitors billed properly, and flagged several billing errors before they were paid.

### **Construction and Bulky Waste**

By using an arrangement facilitated by the SSRC with the **Bourne ISWMF**, Member Towns enjoyed a disposal rate of \$75/ton for **construction and bulky waste**, which is **\$12.50/ton less than the gate fee**. With generation of about **7,500 tons**, Member Towns saved roughly **\$94,000** (2006 data).

### **Mattresses**

Cohasset, Hanover, Kingston and Scituate save on mattress recycling by using an SSRC arranged program with Miller Recycling in Plainville to transport and process mattresses for \$14/each, including container rental. This arrangement saved the three participating towns approximately **\$13,300** on the **1,892 mattresses** they collected.

### **Compost and Brush**

The SSRC re-bid the contracts for **brush grinding and compost screening**, which were awarded to Letourneau Corp. and Lion's Head Organics. The grinding contract was used by three of our towns for 8.5 days. Data on screening contract usage was unavailable.

### **Mercury Bearing Waste**

The SSRC helped the thirteen member towns that have contracts with SEMASS to maximize their benefits from the **Material Separation Plan (MSP)**, including the provision by SEMASS of digital thermometers for exchange and reimbursement for mercury disposal costs

### **Paper**

The SSRC facilitated the siting of 76 Abitibi Paper Retriever containers at public and private entities in 2006-07. In 2007, they captured an additional **850 tons** of paper, and returned at least **\$4,250** to the municipalities and local organizations.

### **Textiles**

The SSRC introduced Bay State Textiles, which pays \$50/ton for used clothing and textiles, to the managers. Their competitors pay nothing, and service isn't always good. Eight towns recycled **280 tons** of material through them, for which they were paid **\$14,017**.

### **Books**

The SSRC introduced GotBooks, which pays \$100/ton for used books and other media, to the managers. Eight SSRC towns set up book collections through them, recycled/reused 109 tons of material and earned \$7,887 from it in 2007.

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH:**

### **Mass Recycles Paper! campaign**

The SSRC piloted a paper recovery outreach campaign in 2006 with a grant from MassDEP, which contributed to a **reduction in trash of 4,992 tons in 2006**. Its success resulted in the formation of a statewide campaign through MassRecycle, called "**Mass Recycles Paper!**", chaired by the SSRC Executive Director. The goal is to recover an additional million tons of paper each year from the Mass. trash. The Campaign has broad support from MassDEP, US EPA, the US Postal Service, and the recycling industry. SSRC communities stand to gain about \$500K/year in avoided disposal cost and revenue from the sale of waste paper.

### **Paper recycling information flyers**

The Executive Director designed, customized and printed informational flyers about the benefits of maximum paper recycling, and handed them out to residents at most HHP collections. (see last page)

### **Press Contacts**

The SSRC releases articles and provides information to the local press about waste reduction, recycling, and the proper disposal of hazardous waste.

### **Resident Contacts**

The Executive Director fielded **132 calls and emails** from Member Towns' residents in CY07 to answer questions, mostly about hazardous and difficult to manage product disposal.

### **Website**

**ssrc.info** provides town-specific recycling information, household hazardous product collection information, SSRC meeting minutes and annual reports, press releases, a quarterly newsletter, and links to other sites. It was overhauled this past fall.

### **Marshfield Fair Recycling**

With assistance from MassDEP and the Town of Marshfield, the SSRC supported **event recycling programs** at **the Marshfield Fair** for the fourth year. While public education was the main benefit, five tons of material was also diverted from the trash for recycling, and two tons was composted. Recycling containers from a previous grant are available for loan to all Member Town events.

## **ADVICE, ASSISTANCE AND NETWORKING.**

The Executive Director's help is frequently sought by the solid waste managers. She maintains regular contact with the solid waste managers from each town to stay up to date on their programs, updates them on current trends, and advises on specific needs each town has.

She also attended Board/ committee meetings in **Hanson, Marshfield, Weymouth and Whitman** and provided the MSW managers with a ten page **directory of service providers**.

### **Paper pricing**

The SSRC subscribes to *Official Board Market,s* on which most towns' paper rebates are based. The Executive Director calculates rebates that should be paid to the municipalities by their paper recyclers and updates the managers each month.

### **Radioactive load rejections**

To counteract the problem of rejected trash loads due to radioactive contamination, the Executive Director researched the sources and consequences, and drafted a letter and flyer about proper disposal methods for patients who are sent home following radiotherapy. She sent it to all nuclear medicine and veterinary facilities in eastern Mass. and posted the flyer on the website.

### **Newsletter**

The SSRC publishes a newsletter filled with information of immediate interest to the South Shore solid waste community, including local solid waste news, regulatory and legislative proposals, meetings and seminars. The newsletter is circulated to over 350 town officials, legislators, regulators and volunteers, and is posted online at [ssrc.info](http://ssrc.info).

### **Monthly Meetings**

The SSRC provides **networking opportunities** and information sharing at our well-attended **Solid Waste Manager meetings**. Each meeting features a guest speaker. Solid waste collection, disposal, recycling service, outreach, pricing and proposed laws and regulations are discussed.

### **ADVOCACY**

The Executive Director, who stepped down as **President of MassRecycle** in May, drafted legislation that would benefit municipal solid waste programs at Senator Creedon's request, met with key legislators to provide input on that and other state solid waste issues, and testified at Budget and legislative hearings. She also attended policy meetings, forums and conferences hosted by MassDEP, Solid Waste Association of North America, the Council of SEMASS Communities, MassRecycle, and the Northeast Resource Recovery Association. In her capacity as MassRecycle President, she was appointed to and attends Mass. DEP Solid Waste Advisory Committee meetings. She shares what she learns with the Managers, and relays the Managers' concerns to the professional and State organizations and regulators.

The SSRC held a **Legislative Breakfast** in May at which **Sen. Robert Creedon** (D-Brockton) was recognized with our "Environmental Hero"

award for his sponsorship and support of bills and budget items that promote waste reduction. Sen. Robert Hedlund (R-Weymouth) also spoke at the event.

The SSRC exists to serve its member towns by facilitating their solid waste disposal and recycling functions. It always welcomes suggestions on how it can better serve its Members.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Sullivan, Executive Director



- South Shore Regional Services Consortium -

Town managers and administrators for 12 municipalities met monthly throughout the year at different locations within the region to share information on issues of municipal management and professional exchange. Opportunities to engage in joint problem solving were regularly explored, while ongoing collaborations continued and monthly progress reports was discussed on various collective procurement projects.

Principal among them was the continuing effort to establish a voice in the financial affairs of the Plymouth County Employee Health Insurance Trust for the member towns. After several false starts during prior years, the long sought breakthrough occurred when the Board of County Commissioners voted to create a new policy body comprised of participant members and the county administration to manage the premiums and reserves of the trust. As a result, local officials look forward to stabilizing premiums through sound management of the reserves and to setting rates in advance of local budgeting, removing the wild card of unpredictable employee health insurance premium increases from the budgeting process.

Contracts for general office supplies and toners, and a range of public works services were either extended through 2007 or bid anew for the year. The primary contractors, W. B. Mason and Aggregate Industries-Northeast both performed up to expectations. W. B. Mason's 80.2% discount off catalog pricing for Consortium members continued to outpace municipal discounts elsewhere on the South Shore by 20-25%, yielding an estimated \$400,000 in avoided costs among Consortium members.

Aggregate Industries-Northeast continued as the paving contractor for 2007, doing high quality resurfacing work in many of the member towns and providing competitive low bid prices despite wild fluctuations in crude oil prices, which are accommodated in the contract price structure. Overall, the end of paving season Consortium price of \$54.99 per ton of finished paving was competitive and yielded as much as \$300,000 in road maintenance savings.

The annual fall meeting of public works directors performed its annual reviews of both contractor performance and contract terms and specifications. The group decided to extend all contracts for their remaining third year and to bid three due to expire on Dec 31, 2007 to continue the collective procurement program into 2008.

The Consortium managers and administrators agreed to a collective procurement for gasoline and diesel fuels that was begun in the late fall and is due to be in place by April 2008.

Overall, 2007 was another cost effective year for the Consortium. Although not all members use all contracts, the average savings to each member was \$70,000 in goods and services, plus another \$3,000 in administrative costs avoided by outsourcing the procurement process and contract administration.

Recruitment for the consortium is ongoing and promises to add to the membership in 2008 with interest from the Towns of Hanover and Plymouth. The current membership includes Cohasset, Duxbury, Hingham, Hull, Kingston, Marshfield, Milton, Norwell, Pembroke, Scituate, Weymouth and Braintree. The consortium is administered by staff from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

- 375th Anniversary Committee -

The Board of Selectmen established a volunteer committee of Hingham residents to plan the celebration in 2010 of the 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Town of Hingham in September 1635. The Charge from the Selectmen to the 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is as follows: To design a celebration inclusive of every part of the Community and the Region that is festive and historic. As well as to develop a plan and bring it forward to the Selectmen that will implement the celebration that has been designed. The Committee was reminded to be open to suggestions and feedback from the Community in these endeavors.

The Committee began meeting in late 2007, officers have been elected, sub committees are being established, and a budget will be submitted to the Selectmen in 2008. We plan to have a variety of events and activities in a year long remembrance from September 2009 through September 2010. We are in contact with Hingham, England, Hingham, Wisconsin, and Hingham, Montana, the latter who will be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> year in 2010.

We look forward to a very active and lively celebration of our 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Look for continuing updates on the Hingham website.

Justine L. W. Thurston, Chairman	Lucinda Day
Susan Haley	Henry Day
Ellen Whalen	Deborah Ludwig
Elizabeth Eldredge	Joan Snowber
Cynthia Wilkins	Thomas Bright
Edward Johnson	Suzanne Buchanan
Barbara Wollen	Judy Graham
Joan Getto	William Wilcox
Mary Ann Blackmur	

- Town Energy Policy Committee -

**MISSION:** To serve the residents of the Town of Hingham by establishing energy policies that will promote the efficient use of energy, increase awareness and will reduce environmental impact.

**GOVERNANCE:** The committee consists of seven members including the Business Manager of the School Department, the General Manager of the Hingham Municipal Light Plant and the Hingham Town Accountant. The final four members are citizens appointed by the Board of Selectmen: Pam Harty, Rob Baynes, Brian Phillips, and Russ Heissner. Russ Heissner serves as Chairman. Rob Baynes serves as Secretary.

**WORK PRODUCT:** The Energy Committee will draft a comprehensive Green Energy Action Plan that will articulate the results of the Work Agenda, and present it to the Hingham Board of Selectmen.

**WORK AGENDA:** The committee meets monthly to draft the Green Energy Action Plan. The Green Energy Action Plan is a document that will outline strategies for the Town of Hingham that will be used to implement the mission of the Energy Policy Committee.

The committee will also draft a warrant article for vote at Town Meeting that will establish the Energy Policy Committee as a long term standing Energy Action Committee.

**INTERACTION WITH THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:** The committee will report periodically to the Hingham Board of Selectmen. The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen will be the liaison with the committee and together with the chairman of the committee will determine if and when the committee will make presentations to the Board. Should funds be required for consultants, surveys, or other matters, the committee will arrange to submit a proposal to the Board for consideration. The Board may seek grant monies or other outside support at the request of the committee.

Ted Alexiades, Finance Director  
David Killory, School Business Director  
John Tzimirangas, Manager, Light Plant

Russell Heissner  
Pamela Harty  
Robert Baynes  
Brian Phillips

- Veterans' Services -

Veterans' Services saw a significant increase in the number of veterans and/or their dependents assisted in the past year in the distribution of Massachusetts Chapter 115 Veterans' Benefits as well as assistance in the processing of federal disability and pension claims. The major focus of which continues to be medical care for qualifying veterans and their dependents. There has also been a significant increase in the number of informational walk-ins, telephonic and electronic inquiries. Educational, job training and housing assistance was administered on an as needed basis. Continued emphasis was placed on outreach strategies to better identify eligible Hingham veterans and their dependents.

The town's annual Memorial Day observances returned to the high school auditorium with Hingham resident Navy Petty Officer Keith Jermyn, an Iraqi veteran, as the quest speaker. Petty Officer Jermyn capped the day's ceremonies by publicly re-enlisting in the Navy in an outdoor ceremony at the G.A.R. Hall. Hingham resident and Iraqi veteran US Army Major Bill Ramsey administered the oath. Retired US Army Captain Dan Everts was the keynote speaker at the town's annual Veterans' Day ceremony held at the Veterans' Memorial in front of the town hall. Both ceremonies were well-attended events.

The Town of Hingham continues to be on the forefront in the administration of veterans' benefits through the emphasis on pro-active strategies and the unparalleled support of the Town Administrator Charles Cristello and the Board of Selectmen.

Michael Cunningham, Director  
Hingham Veterans' Services

- Water Supply Committee -

The Water Supply Committee (WSC) is charged with maintaining a Water Supply Policy for the Town of Hingham, and monitoring adherence to this policy in the Town of Hingham. The WSC is working with Aquarion Water Company (Aquarion), the public water supplier for the Hingham-Hull water district, on long-term planning to ensure that we have sufficient water to satisfy the Town's current and future needs. The State's determination that our water district is in a "stressed basin" places special requirements on the water supplier and a need for supportive action by the towns in the basin to encourage water conservation.

The State currently limits our water district (Hingham, Hull and a part of Cohasset) to the same level of consumption as averaged from 1981-1985, more than 20-years ago. This is called our "registered amount". To obtain more water (called a "permitted amount") the State requires public water suppliers in stressed basins to show that there is a need and that existing water supplies are being used efficiently. Aquarion has launched a major campaign to educate water users and landscapers on the need to conserve water, particularly when installing sprinkler or other irrigation systems. In support of that effort the WSC is proposing at the 2008 Town Meeting a bylaw establishing efficiency standards for automatic sprinkler systems in Hingham. The Committee is also recommending to the Selectmen that they encourage Hull to implement a similar conservation effort.

Aquarion is currently in discussion with State regulatory agencies both to renew the district's registered amount and to seek approval for a small permitted amount to ensure we have enough water to meet peak demands during the summer. The process should be completed in 2008.

The process of obtaining a permit for additional water for our long-term needs is lengthy and could require another three years to complete. The State requires the water supplier to meet or show significant progress toward meeting specific targets (e.g. per capita water consumption below 65 gallons per day and unaccounted for water below 10%). Aquarion has met those targets.

The water supplier must also complete a study documenting long-term needs and supply options. These options include developing new water sources in Hingham but outside the Weir River basin, interconnecting with neighboring towns, purchasing water from the MWRA, and desalinization. Hull is conducting a separate study involving the possible construction of a desalinization plant. We are monitoring both of these studies and considering how the results might affect Hingham's long-term planning.

In 1999, the State and Aquarion agreed through a consent order to institute a Water Balance Program, which requires that planned developments that significantly increase demand within our water district must offset their projected water needs with an equal amount of water savings. We anticipate that the State will condition renewal of the district's registered amount or approval of an additional permitted amount on continuation of the water balance program.

Roger Sullivan  
Robert W. Stuart  
Samuel S. Mullin  
Kirk J. Shilts  
James Connelly  
Maureen Doran  
Thomas Burbank



"The Coopers" Parading on the Fourth of July  
Gary Nisbet, Kevin McNally, Tom Hoffman, Tony Viola, Jeff Keller  
*photo by Laura Sinclair*

- Weir River Estuary Park Committee -

The Weir River Estuary is one of Boston Harbor's most valuable natural resources, and was designated an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1986. Hingham, Hull, and Cohasset share the Weir River Estuary, which includes 900 acres of salt water, fresh and salt water wetlands, and upland habitats.

During the past year, the Weir River Estuary Park Committee (WREPC) continued to partner, working to protect the environmental integrity of 4 major properties identified in the Weir River Estuary Land Protection Plan for Hingham, Hull, and Cohasset. As of the writing of the report, the CPC (Community Preservation Committee) has one of the parcels recommended by the WREP committee "under consideration". The Amonte property abuts 400 feet of the salt marshes northeast of the Rockland Street bridge and along Rockland Street. This property is on the WREP Pedestrian and Bike Path which provides views of the tri-town estuary (pictured inside the back cover of the 2006 Hingham Town Report).

The Committee is most gratified that Mass Highway adapted the Rockland Street bridge reconstruction plan to include the five WREPC issues of concern as follows:

- The major stormwater drainage and pollution issues by incorporating four stormwater catch basin systems.
- The 16" water main which passes through the bridge concrete arch will be relocated to the bridge fill on top of the arch. This will elevate the road so that kayaks/canoes can safely pass under the bridge to the Foundry Pond dam.
- The wingwalls of the bridge will be extended to limit impact to the surrounding wetlands as the profile is raised.
- Anti-scour counter measures will be placed in the river channel and the scour areas under the abutments will be filled.
- The street will have granite curb sidewalks and bike lanes, and crosswalks, as appropriate, within the work area of 275 feet west of the bridge and 235 feet east of the bridge.

Rockland Street-George Washington Street Boulevard and Foundry Pond clean-ups occur annually in the spring and when possible in conjunction with Coastsweep clean-up in the fall. All citizens are encouraged to help conserve the resource's health.

The Committee has up to three representatives per community appointed by the Boards of Selectmen of Cohasset, Hingham, and Hull. Other non-governmental groups, such as, neighborhood associations and environmental groups are also represented. The Committee works with

national, state and local government agencies, and non-profit organizations as well. The goals, noted in the Weir River Estuary Land Plan are to provide for and/or advocate for:

- acquisition, protection, health, safety, and restoration of the estuarine waters and fisheries habitat;
- linkage of the wildlife habitat and scenic parcels in the Estuary into greenways to preserve wildlife and to provide human viewing areas along the street bike and pedestrian path and along the Weir River Estuary waterway as mapped on the back cover of the 2006 Hingham Town Report; and,
- education and stewardship opportunities for tri-town community citizens, students, and visitors at the Estuary Center (now under construction next to the George Washington Boulevard bridge, in Hull) and access to the estuary from street and waterscape viewing sites and properties owned by the Hingham Conservation Commission.

Public meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month on a rotating schedule amongst the three towns and are posted on the Hingham Town web-site, <http://www.Hingham-ma.com>.

The Committee wishes to thank all federal, state, and local officials, committees, citizen volunteers, and voters for all their hard work in advancing land protection, conservation, and acquisition along Rockland Street and George Washington Boulevard.

Richard Avery, Co-Chairperson, Cohasset,  
Faith L. Burbank, Co-chairperson, Hingham  
Judeth Van Hamm, Co-chairperson, Hull  
James Rodgers, Hingham  
Darrell Baker, Hingham Alternate

## - Zoning Permits Study Committee -

During the past year, the Zoning Permits Study Committee considered project mitigation, impact fees and corridor studies. In addition, two zoning proposals discussed by the committee last year resulted in Planning Board zoning articles for this year's town meeting.

The committee believes it would be useful for the town to conduct "corridor studies" (either on a town-wide basis or for specific roadways) in order to determine the capacity of particular roadways to support further development (with respect to traffic and other infrastructure). We believe that an understanding of the town's infrastructure capacity would enable the permitting boards to better gauge the impact of new proposals and, thereby, better tailor mitigation requirements. Projects would not be considered in isolation, but rather in the context of existing and likely future development. This year, we proposed retaining a consultant to review existing traffic reports and prepare a study of the Route 3A corridor. However, no funds have been available for such an analysis.

The committee reviewed existing nonresidential zoning on Route 3A from Thaxter Street to the Weymouth line to see whether zoning changes are needed to control growth, primarily new traffic generation. Much of this area is in the Business B zoning district. In Business B, retail and office uses are allowed as of right. The committee considered whether special permit requirements or an overlay district, along the lines of the South Hingham Overlay District, made sense. Based on our review, we concluded that a significant restriction on the size of as-of-right developments in this district is found in the existing parking requirements. At least in the 3A corridor, this limitation appears to provide effective control under current conditions.

The committee discussed impact fees and mitigation. How should the town address projects which may have a significant impact, directly or indirectly, on town resources, and projects that may be able to contribute to town needs? For large project mitigation, a centralized negotiation process, perhaps through the board of selectman or town administrator makes sense. However, given the nature of town government with dispersed authority in a variety of boards, such a negotiation process may not be fully effective because a project developer cannot be confident that understandings reached with the negotiator will be accepted by the permitting boards. The committee noted the danger of demanding "impact fees" for every project, regardless of actual, direct impacts. Putting aside legal issues, impact fees that bear little or no relation to actual impacts from the project create an unfavorable climate for small business. Permitting boards

should recognize that they are on tenuous legal ground if they demand “mitigation” where the project is not having a direct impact, particularly for smaller proposals. On a related matter, the committee believes that changes in the special permit or site plan review criteria are not needed because those criteria are currently broad enough to authorize mitigation in appropriate circumstances, i.e. for direct project impacts.

We reviewed the “working group” concept that has been employed with some success by the planning and zoning boards in the past. We support the continued use of such groups on an ad hoc basis in appropriate cases (generally larger and complex projects). In general, a member of the planning board and a member of the ZBA, along with staff, meet with the project proponent to hammer out technical details of a project and then report back to the permitting boards at a full hearing. The working group can also be a forum to discuss mitigation. The concept raises the question of whether such a group could be considered a formal “governmental body” under the Open Meeting Law, such that meetings would need to be posted and open to the public. It appears that, to the extent such working groups remain informal and ad hoc, they would not be considered governmental bodies subject to the Open Meeting Law, but this issue should be reviewed further.

Two proposals that the committee discussed last year have been taken up by the planning board and are being reviewed for recommendation at town meeting. The first of these is a proposed change in the minimum size requirement for a mixed use special permit (e.g. residential combined with commercial uses) in the Industrial District. Currently, such a project requires at least 25 acres. By substantially increasing this minimum, the town would have further control (beyond the existing special permit standard) over the location of large-scale mixed residential and industrial/commercial projects in the Industrial District. The second proposal would require a special permit for a retail group in the Industrial Park and Limited Industrial Park Districts. Currently, a development of this nature (such as Derby Street Shops) is allowed as of right, with only site plan review. Under the proposal, a retail group would need a special permit, thereby assuring full review by the permitting agencies.

Luis Alvarado  
Victor Baltera, Chairman  
Richard Cook  
Stephen McLaughlin

Susan Murphy  
Donald Pinto  
William Ramsey, Vice-Chairman  
and Secretary

- Finance Director/Town Accountant -

To the Citizens of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts:

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 for the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts is hereby submitted for your consideration in the new format prescribed under Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements 34, 37 and 38.

The report is the primary means of reporting the Town's financial activities. The objective of this new model is to provide a clearer picture of our government as a single, unified entity, while retaining certain traditional financial information previously provided.

This document presents the Town's financial information on three bases of accounting, each serving a different purpose. The last section of the book includes as "required supplementary information" budgetary basis schedules, which are prepared in accordance with the Town's budgetary process.

The fund perspective statements present the governmental operation on the same basis (modified accrual basis of accounting) as previous CAFR's with one exception. The account groups for long-term debt and fixed assets have been deleted. In addition, there is a perspective difference in that certain funds that are shown as fiduciary under this perspective are not portrayed under GASB 34, or are reclassified. This basis is designed to measure inter-period equity, the extent to which current resources (available within the next year) fully fund all current services provided by the government. Long-term liabilities are excluded with the implicit assumption that future tax revenues will fund them.

In addition to this "fund perspective," the new CAFR presents an "entity wide" perspective. This perspective combines all governmental and business activities in a statement of net assets and a statement of activities, presenting all functions on a full accrual basis of accounting. All fixed assets are added to the statements, as are long-term liabilities such as outstanding debt. The balance sheet has been reorganized into a "net assets format." This format classifies assets and liabilities as short and long-term and then subtracts those liabilities from net assets to arrive at net assets similar to a private company.

The Town's statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances has been completely reorganized to a new statement of activities. The expenses of the town, organized by activity, are netted

against fees, fines, grant revenues and assessments generated to fund each activity in an attempt to derive the net cost to the taxpayer of each activity. The reader of the financial statements can now discern the net cost of a particular function of government funded by taxation and other general revenues by a review of this statement.

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Town of Hingham for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006. This was the eleventh consecutive year that the government has achieved this prestigious award.

In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current comprehensive annual financial report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement program's requirements, and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

The report is designed to be used by the elected and appointed officials of the Town and others who are concerned with its management and progress such as bond analysts, banking institutions and credit raters as well as residents and taxpayers of Hingham.

This CAFR is presented in three sections: **Introductory, Financial and Statistical**. This **Introductory Section** contains this transmittal letter with economic conditions and outlook, major initiatives, financial information and other relevant information. The **Financial Section** contains a Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section. Generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) require that management provide a narrative introduction, overview and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of an MD&A. This letter of transmittal is designed to compliment the MD&A where the financial analysis is now presented. The Town's MD&A can be found immediately following the independent auditor's report from O'Connor & Drew, PC. The Town of Hingham is responsible for the accuracy of the financial statements as well as their completeness and fairness. We believe the statements are accurate in all material aspects and that they fairly set forth the financial position of the Town. The **Statistical Section** contains, in most cases, a ten-year history of trends of both financial and demographic data.

## PROFILE OF THE TOWN OF HINGHAM

This CAFR includes all of the operational departments of the Town. The Hingham Housing Authority is not included in the reporting entity because they do not meet criteria for inclusion. The Hingham Public Library, the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant and the Hingham Contributory Retirement System are included in this report as component units, with the first two being discrete units, and the latter being a blended unit, included within the statement of fiduciary net assets.

The Town of Hingham is a seacoast community located approximately 20 miles southeast of Boston. Established in 1635, the current population is approximately 20,000. Primarily an established single family community, Hingham has six local historic districts and more recent single family subdivisions that were constructed in the post World War II years.

The Town provides general government services including police and fire protection, public education, street maintenance, recreation and a municipal golf course (The South Shore Country Club). The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) provides certain sewer services to the Town. A municipal sewer system serves approximately 25% of the households of the Town. The Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant, a self-supporting enterprise, provides electric power to the Town, while the Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts, a private firm, provides water services. The Hingham Housing Authority maintains housing for elderly and handicapped residents. In addition, the Town has a Department of Elder Services which provides senior citizens with a variety of enrichment programs, as well as outreach services. Bus service is provided by the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority and connects to established stations of the Authority.

Several recreational programs are provided among the parks located throughout the Town, in addition to significant swimming and boating facilities. Bare Cove Park, containing 468 acres, was a former federal ammunition depot and is now owned and managed by the Town. It is mostly in its original pristine condition with many trees and forests and is adjacent to the scenic Back River. It provides walking and bicycle trails, nature studies, picnic facilities and other items of interest.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts maintains Wompatuck State Park in the Towns of Hingham and Cohasset containing 3,509 acres, of which 2,047 acres are in Hingham. In addition to the passive recreation provided by Bare Cove Park, Wompatuck offers bicycle and hiking trails in the summer which become cross country skiing trails in the winter, and extensive camping facilities are provided.

The principal services provided by the County are court facilities, a jail and house of correction and registry of deeds and probate.

The three member elected Board of Selectmen is the administrative authority; however, the Town has a diverse government with many elected and autonomous boards and committees. A Town Administrator is appointed by the Selectmen and is responsible for day-to-day administration.

### **ECONOMIC CONDITION AND OUTLOOK**

Unemployment rates in Massachusetts, which rose slightly over the past few years, have begun to decline again. However, the Town traditionally has a more stable employment profile than the state or the nation, and has maintained this consistency over the past few years.

The Town's population has modestly increased in the nineties, after having declined through most of the late eighties and over the past few years has once again begun modest increases. There is a parallel impact in school enrollment, which declined through the late eighties and then increased 11% during the nineties.

### **MAJOR INITIATIVES**

Since the mid 1990's the Town has consistently made capital expenditures a high priority, and to that end the Capital Outlay Committee recommended a total of \$2,513,124 for capital improvements for Fiscal 2008.

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**Financial Management.** The Advisory Committee, Board of Selectmen and School Committee has adopted a Financial Policy. It is a comprehensive statement covering financial management, capital expenditures and debt service. The purpose of the Policy is to stabilize tax rates and control expenditures. It is expected to give guidance to the preparation, review and approval of budgets.

The Policy recommends that Available Reserves (Undesignated Fund Balance) be maintained at about 5% of annual appropriations. Each year that Available Reserves increase, any excess of the 5% level should be available for spending or tax reductions.

**Budgetary Controls.** The Town Administrator is responsible for the preparation of the executive budget and initiates the process with the

development of a five-year financial forecast and budget guidelines for the coming fiscal year. The various boards prepare the budgets for departments under their jurisdiction. The Town Administrator reviews all budgets and recommendations are submitted to the Board of Selectmen. The 15-member Advisory Committee reviews the budgets approved by the Board of Selectmen, attempts to resolve any differences and then prepares the annual budget recommendations to the Town Meeting, which is the body that has final approval authority. Once approved, the budgets are controlled at the department level with the Town Accountant approving all payrolls and invoices. The Advisory Committee, based on a recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, may approve subsequent transfers from a reserve fund.

The Treasurer/Collector is responsible for all of the Town's cash and investments, debt management and payment of invoices. The Assessors set the tax rate and commit the Real Estate taxes, Personal Property taxes and Motor Vehicle Excise taxes to the Treasurer/Collector for collection. About 97% of all Real Estate taxes are collected during the fiscal year of billing with the remaining 3% collected the following year. This efficiency greatly aids the Treasurer/Collector in not only reducing or avoiding temporary loans but also maximizing investment potential.

The Treasurer/Collector, in common with other towns as a result of permissive legislation, changed from a semi-annual billing system to a quarterly billing system in Fiscal Year 1992. This change has not only eliminated the need for temporary borrowings, which were costing the Town \$150,000 per year, but also provided temporary excess cash beyond immediate needs which is available for short-term investment.

In addition to approval authority over all disbursements, the Finance Director/Town Accountant is responsible for providing accurate and timely estimates of the Town's current and future financial position to the Town Administrator.

The Town Accountant, whom also serves as the Director of Finance, holds quarterly meetings with the Town's financial officers to establish goals and objectives and to review monthly reports of comparison of budgeted revenues and expenditures with actual.

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

##### **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.**

In order to be awarded the Certificate of Achievement, a governmental unit (state, county, district, town or town) must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized Comprehensive Annual Financial Report whose contents conform to program standards established by the

Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). Such reports must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and applicable legal requirements. We will be submitting the fiscal 2007 report to GFOA for review in anticipation of receiving the certificate.

**Independent Audit.** The financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 were audited by the public accounting firm of O'Connor & Drew, P.C. The financial statements have received an "unqualified opinion" from the auditors. An "unqualified opinion" is the best opinion which a governmental unit can receive. It indicates that the financial statements were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and that they are fairly presented in all material aspects.

Additionally, the Town is required to have a single audit, under the requirements of the Single Audit Act of 1984, of all Federal programs, as prescribed in the Federal office of Management & Budget's Circular A133.

**Acknowledgments.** A special gratitude is owed to Dave A. DiIulis, and Kevin Carnes, Partners, at O'Connor & Drew, P.C., whose attention to the fiscal year 2007 financial statements was invaluable.

I also want to express my appreciation to the accounting personnel, Sue Nickerson, Steve Becker, Nancy Skillings, Kate Richardsson, and Jan Jacobson for their assistance with the preparation of this CAFR, and to Betty Tower of the Selectmen's Office for her work on the cover design. I wish to acknowledge their efforts, and the efforts of all the town departments that assisted in the production of the final report.

**Additional Information.** Hardcopies of the CAFR are available in the Town Accountant's Office, or online in PDF form at: [http://www.hingham-ma.gov/accountant/documents/Town\\_of\\_Hingham\\_CAFR\\_2007.pdf](http://www.hingham-ma.gov/accountant/documents/Town_of_Hingham_CAFR_2007.pdf)

Ted C. Alexiades, CPFO  
Finance Director/Town Accountant

- Board of Assessors -

First the Board of Assessors cannot thank Lane Partridge, Kathy Collins, Sandra Alger and the rest of the staff enough for handling one of the toughest year's work in the last 18 years that we can remember. They accomplished an insurmountable task, and we were able to have a certified tax rate in time for January 1, 2008

We also want to thank Susan Walker, Bob Abbott and Jean White for their years of excellent service to the Assessors office and wish them well in their retirement. They served well. And we welcome Tania Diatchenko and Rick Nowlan who contributed greatly to the success of a tough year.

2007 was a revaluation year, which means we had the Department of Revenue breathing down our necks all year being sure that we are current with our cyclical inspections, and all our records are current before they will certify our tax rate. We also had to assess all tax-exempt properties and satisfy the Department with changes in several other categories. This involved around 1300 properties.

As we said last year the decrease in market activity would be reflected in the 2008 assessments. Although there was an increase in the budget, we worked hard to hold the line on assessments with the lesser sales activity.

Our staff will continue to do everything we can to keep assessments at an equitable market rate.

Stuart Gregory Hall, Chairman  
Robert Kurtz  
Mark Tyburski

- Hingham Contributory Retirement Board -

The Annual report for Fiscal 2007 contains the financial statements as well as membership statistics report, a list of new members and a list of members that retired in 2007.

The retirement system was independently audited for the year ended December 31, 2006. The last actuarial review study was performed January 1, 2007.

Ted Alexiades, Chairman and Ex-Officio Member  
Thomas P. Hall, Appointed Member  
Eileen A. McCracken, Elected Member  
Jean M. Montgomery, Elected Member  
Henry F.G. Wey, III, Appointed Member

Nancy M. Hutt, Administrative Assistant

**Contributory Retirement System**  
**Trial Balance as of December 31, 2007**  
(Pre-Close)

**ASSETS**

Cash - Citizens Bank	216,754
Checking – Citizens Bank	301
Investments – PRIT CASH	50,777
Investments - PRIT CAPITAL	81,536,837

Accounts Receivable	66,631.74
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<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>81,871,303</b>
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**LIABILITIES**

Accounts Payable	<b>1,689.75</b>
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**FUND BALANCES**

Annuity Fund	-14,592,879
Annuity Reserve Fund	-5,767,353
Military Service Fund	-11,281.42
Pension Fund	-1,683,216
Pension Reserve Fund	-49,921,008
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>-71,975,739</b>

**REVENUES**

Investment Income	-2,523,114
Interest Not Refunded	-4,698.70
Miscellaneous Income	0
Realized Gains	-6,118,532.70

Realized Loss	0
Unrealized Gains	-6,073,444
Unrealized Loss	6,198,666
Contrib. received for Military Service	0
Members Deductions	-1,766,389
Members' Make Up & Redeposits	-36,572
Transfers from Other Systems	-106,401
Pension Fund Appropriation	-3,024,455
Federal Grant Reimbursement	-36,080
3(8)(c) Reimb. From Other Systems	-111,058
Received from Commonwealth COLA	-127,806
Member Payments from Rollovers	-11,018
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>-15,869,122</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Staff Salaries	45,479
Consultant Fees	0
Management Fees	402,596
Legal Expenses	4,160
Medical Expenses	0
Fiduciary Insurance	4,013
Service Contracts	37,990
Administrative Expenses	29,484
Furniture and Equipment	139
Travel	1,562
Annuities Paid	719,197
Pensions Paid	4,243,472
COLA's Paid	145,576
3(8)(c) Reimb. To Other Systems	114,046
Transfers to Other Systems	72,148
Refunds to Members	135,616
Option B Refunds	19,765
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>5,975,248</b>

**NEW MEMBERS 2007**

Joan E. Allen	Samir Alrifai
Ashley F. Baxter	Rebecca A. Bielawa
Kathleen A. Bird	Jill S. Blair
Susan F. Bornstein	Mallory M. Brady
Lisa M. Brooks	Kathy M. Burnes
Karen M. Clancy	Karen L. Clay
Elsbeth K. Clifford	Allyson J. Craib
Constance H. Cummings	Jeffrey F. Cuzzo
Shawna M. Delugan	Joseph A. Dibiasi
Patricia J. Ditullio	William M. Doucette
Meghan K. Duffy	Cheryl A. Fenton

Emily A. Francis  
 Amy Gaffney  
 Nancy M. Garvey  
 Mark A. Grylls  
 Gayle A. Henderson  
 Debra A. Kirby  
 James P. Lanphear, Jr.  
 Pamela E. Long  
 Danielle M. McDowell  
 Cheryl L. McMillan  
 Mary Moriarty  
 Richard G. Nowlan  
 Helen T. Pfluger  
 Daniel C. Rogier  
 Jeffrey S. Saunders  
 Andrea L. Sferruzza  
 Kristen M. Smeriglio  
 Robert Sweeney  
 Anthony P. Viglas  
 Russell D. Way

Pamela A. Francis  
 Donna M. Galvin  
 Maureen E. Giblin  
 Paul G. Heanue  
 Molly H. Howard  
 Holly C. Krukonis  
 Carol J. Lipsett  
 Elizabeth J. Macki  
 Daniel J. McGonagle  
 Maureen P. Michaud  
 Elizabeth A. Nee  
 David S. Orlandi  
 Phyllis A. Powers  
 Maria C. Sandberg  
 Judith A. Serafini  
 Jacob B. Silva  
 Sara A. Swan-Carlezon  
 Maura B. Talbot  
 Kristen E. Walsh  
 Margaret E. White

**DECEASED MEMBERS 2007**

Steven D. Carlson

Cynthia N. Steven

**RETIRED MEMBERS 2007**

Robert P. Abbott, Sr.  
 Candida M. Barbuto  
 Joanne R. Coggins  
 Dennis Horgan  
 Judith A. Mitchell  
 Alice A. Shaughnessy  
 Maureen E. Taylor

Maria A. Aiello  
 Mary Ellen Cadieux  
 Eleanor Goldsmith  
 Joseph H. McCracken  
 Margaret Morrison  
 Rose Strafford  
 M. Susanne Walker

**DECEASED RETIREES 2007**

Suzanne Ford  
 Phyllis S. Lindsay  
 Gloria M. Sparks

Paul R. Garvin  
 Gertrude C. Scott

**MEMBERSHIP STATISTIC REPORT 2007**

<b>Active Membership Dec 31, previous year</b>	<b>516</b>
<b>Inactive Membership Dec 31, previous year</b>	<b>78</b>
Enrolled during current year	79
Transfers between groups	0
Reinstatements of disabled members	0

<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>673</b>
Deduct	
Death	2
Withdrawal	33
Retirements	14
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>624</b>
<b>Active Membership Dec 31, current year</b>	<b>529</b>
<b>Inactive Membership Dec.31, current year</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Retired Beneficiary, and Survivor</b>	
<b>Membership, Dec. 31, previous year</b>	<b>247</b>
Retirements during the year:	
Superannuation	13
Ordinary disability	0
Accidental disability	0
Termination Retirement Allowance	0
Beneficiary of Deceased Retiree	0
Survivor benefits from active membership	2
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>267</b>
Deduct	
Deaths of retired member's	4
Termination of Survivors Benefits	1
Reinstatement of disabled pensions	0
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>262</b>
<b>Retired Membership Dec. 31, current year</b>	
Superannuation	209
Ordinary disability	4
Accidental disability	14
Termination	0
Beneficiaries from accidental deaths	9
Beneficiaries from Section 100	0
Beneficiaries from Section 101	2
Beneficiaries under Option (C)	8
Option (D) Survivor Allowance	16
Section 12B Survivor Allowance	0
<b>Total Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor</b>	
<b>Membership, Dec. 31, current year</b>	<b>262</b>
<b><u>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</u></b>	
<b>Active, Inactive, Retired, Beneficiary</b>	
<b>and Survivor, Dec. 31, current year</b>	<b>886</b>

- Treasurer/Collector -

Fiscal year 2007 collection rates continue to be strong with ninety-eight percent of real estate and personal property revenue collected by fiscal year end. Approximately eighty percent of motor vehicle excise revenue was received within the first six weeks of bill issuance. 8,006 real estate tax, 327 personal property, 1,456 boat excise and 21,637 motor vehicle bills were issued. Currently, seventy-four percent of the Town's operating revenue is tax collection generated.

2007 was a busy year for borrowing. On June 19, 2007 the Town issued Bond Anticipation Notes bearing a net interest rate of 3.7% in the amount of \$9,214,750 consisting of \$6,514,750 (the "Series A Notes"), and \$2,700,000 (the "Series B Notes"). The Series A Notes, maturing on December 19, 2007, were redeemed with a subsequent bond issuance.

The Series B Notes maturing June 19, 2008, were issued for two purposes \$1,700,000 to fund engineering, design and bid costs relating to three school projects, and a \$1,000,000 State Aid Anticipation Note (SAAN) relating to a Public Works Economic Development Grant (PWED) awarded to the town for highway work at Shipyard Drive.

On September 13, 2007, a competitive sale was held for the issuance of a \$6,514,750 General Obligation Multi-Purpose Loan, the proceeds of which were used to redeem the Series A Notes maturing December 19. The amounts and purposes of the Bond are: \$1,495,000 for Sewer Construction, \$1,585,000 for the South Shore Country Club Irrigation System, and \$3,434,750 for the Fire Station.

The Bonds were advertised for sale to leading investment bankers situated in New England, New York and other major financial centers. The Bonds were rated Aaa, AAA and AAA by Moody's Investors Services, Standard & Poor's Corporation and Fitch Ratings, respectively. The town fared extremely well in the sale receiving eight very competitive bids as the Town's excellent credit ratings drew a strong interest from investors for the Town's debt. The bid was awarded to Fidelity Capital Markets on the basis of their true interest cost bid of 3.83%.

I wish to express my thanks to my office staff, Lori-Ann Magner, Nancy Leahy, Linda Kelley, Regina Ledwick and Jacquie Berard for their continued dedication, support and service to the citizens of the Town of Hingham. We very are fortunate to have them in our employ.

Jean M. Montgomery, Treasurer/Collector

WARRANTS FOR COLLECTION  
JULY 1, 2006 TO JUNE 30, 2007

2007 Real Estate Tax .....	49,512,220
2007 Community Preservation Surcharge .....	644,376
2007 Personal Property Tax .....	670,272
2007 Boat Excise Tax .....	90,736
2007 Motor Vehicle Tax .....	2,758,790
2006 Motor Vehicle Tax .....	543,134
2005 Motor Vehicle Tax .....	1,319
Betterments-Paid in Advance .....	85,442
Sewer Betterments & Committed Interest .....	258,204
Water Betterments & Committed Interest .....	1,016
Title 5 Betterments & Committed Interest .....	3,037
Sewer Use Liens.....	147,868
Light Liens.....	<u>29,797</u>
Total .....	54,746,211

TRUST, GIFT, GRANT AND DEPRECIATION FUNDS IN CUSTODY OF THE  
TREASURER - YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2007

400th Anniversary Fund .....	13,480
Aid to Elderly/Disabled .....	8,233
Buttonwood Tree .....	2,542
Charles Langenhagen II Memorial Trust .....	231
Dr. Margaret Long Memorial Fund .....	58,078
Education Fund .....	10,411
Electric Light Depreciation .....	2,566,905
Electric Light Reserve Stranded Costs.....	2,273,250
Electric Light - Customer Deposit Fund .....	918,294
Electric Light – Pension Funds .....	3,472,125
Escrow Account-Board of Health– Wastewater Treatment Plant.....	46,368
Federal Withholding .....	13,278
Foundry Pond .....	6,462
Fourth of July Fund .....	63,334
Hannah Lincoln Whiting Charity Fund .....	16,134
Hingham Historical Commission .....	59,239
Hingham War Memorial .....	9,106
MWRA Inflow & Infiltration Grant Loan Program.....	115,077
Medical Insurance Fund .....	555,969
More-Brewer Fund .....	81,425
Open Space Conservation Fund .....	58,920
Public Works Economic Development Grant – Shipyard Dr.....	1,001,606
Stabilization Fund .....	880,405
USLST Association .....	<u>1,188</u>
Total .....	12,232,060

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TRUST FUNDS IN CUSTODY OF THE  
TREASURER - YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2007

Scholarship Fund	Balance 6/30/06	6/30/07
Cyrus Bacon & Ada W. Bacon .....	23,616	26,419
Orvis K. & May B. Collins .....	50,455	56,463
Amasa J. Whiting .....	24,443	27,368
Second World War Memorial .....	61,479	68,818
Margaret McElroy .....	12,437	13,899
Stuart Macmillan .....	55,372	62,690
Anne Mulholland.....	4,762	5,285
John Lewis Russell.....	15,060	16,892
Caroline Murdock.....	11,505	12,864
Charles (Chuck) Martell.....	19,408	21,539
Francis James Thompson .....	2,029,142	2,249,727
Patricia Lynne Schneider .....	4,388	4,898
Harold L. Downing.....	18,304	20,517
Hingham Theater for Children.....	4,964	5,621
Curtis Chase .....	11,182	12,511
Wallis Lee Chipman .....	6,892	7,715
Russell H. Arkell .....	9,085	10,137
Hingham Basketball Boosters.....	12,063	13,548
Charles Berry .....	5,234	5,863
Edward O. Hornstra .....	16,084	17,923
William J. Laubenstein Jr.....	4,872	5,414
Mary Sheldon.....	6,444	7,179
Robin Karen Kurciviez .....	4,976	5,527
Mary J. Fee.....	4,713	5,236
Jacobs.....	29,485	32,736
Burditt W. Collins Memorial .....	6,885	7,592
Savini Music.....	5,630	6,320
Stuart Blake & Mary McKay Luce.....	187,489	211,861
Robert V. Barbuto & James C. Silipo.....	17,815	19,790
Herbert W. Farrar Memorial.....	5,245	5,873
Lane W. & Agnes Bryant .....	111,829	123,935
Hingham Band Parents .....	5,571	6,271
Hingham Taxpayers .....	49,795	54,981
Susan Burton .....	19,750	21,964
John Barba .....	19,279	21,419
Leroy L. Eldredge .....	15,054	16,502
M. Tilghman Earle .....	17,146	19,050
Lewis J. Ernst.....	11,877	13,326
Joan E. Pyne Memorial.....	6,474	7,288
John Peter Nionakis .....	5,843	6,570
Kids Cabaret .....	2,954	3,287
Field Hockey Team .....	8,165	9,401
Charles L. Vickery.....	26,704	30,315

Jamin Guarino .....	29,007.....	33,069
Thomas J. Wallace, Jr & Michelle Wallace .....	8,748.....	10,915
M. Dorothy Clifford .....	8,206.....	9,119
Gerald M. Collins, M.D.....	2,848.....	3,143
Hingham Scholarship Memorial .....	3,924.....	4,297
Crofoot Trust .....	18,152.....	19,946
Gloria O. Lofgren .....	12,052.....	13,403
Robin Helene Ruben .....	12,331.....	13,617
Robert L. Goodrich .....	29,887.....	33,263
Helen S. Wollan .....	3,902.....	4,476
Former Students of Hingham High School.....	12,185.....	13,475
Mark S. Gratta Sr Memorial .....	17,932.....	19,806
Hingham Women's Club .....	14,337.....	15,979
Rosemary Amoscato Shaughnessy .....	7,323.....	8,189
Corine Cyr Benedict Memorial .....	7,699.....	8,488
Carol & Ruth Gardner Memorial .....	0.....	16,745
Samatha Hooper Memorial .....	0.....	5,340
General Fund .....	<u>4,229</u> .....	<u>4,380</u>
Total .....	3,162,632.....	3,540,184